

Idaho Falls Downtown Development Corp. June 2, 2020 board meeting was held in The DEC (480 Park Ave) at 8:30am

Attendance: Jake Durtschi, Emily Fitzpatrick, Kevin Josephson, Brandi Newton, Greg Crockett, Jill Hansen, Steve Fishbauch, Kevin Cutler, Lisa Farris, Brent McLane and Cindy Napier Staff: Catherine Smith, Mala Lyon; visitors: Chase Martin

Minutes for May 5, 2020 were reviewed – Greg motioned they be approved; Brandi seconded, and board approved.

Financials: Brandi – waiting on the \$20,000 from the city to cover our watering of pots, trees and flower baskets. Expenses are being well controlled. The PPP loan looks like we will have 120 days to use it and loan forgiveness is still being decided. Catherine has the application. Brandi motioned the financial report be approved; Kevin Cutler seconded and board approved.

Directors report – Catherine reported that we have 92 hanging flower baskets that have been placed and we need two more basket sponsors. This is down from the 135 that we have done in years past. There will be no basket along Yellowstone. We had to remove baskets from areas we thought would be difficult to water. We have hired Cole Smith to water the flower baskets – he uses a 25 water tank that is inside a garden wagon. We have contracted with Dave Lawrence to water the trees and the 110 pots. All the flowers should be in the pots by the end of the week.

The next BID payment should come July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Grant application have been done to the INL Community Grant, Fed-X Chamber USA and Main Street America. IEDC is doing a webinar on the PP loan forgiveness process. We want to be first in line.

Lisa – 2020 grant money will be coming soon and we have \$250,000 from the CARES Act that businesses can apply for to help with the Covid-19 issues. It is CDBG funds. Possible use is doing improvements for curbside service for downtown restaurants or protection sneeze guards. Jake asked that Catherine send this info out.

City report – Brent – there has been no slow down in building construction permits. Brandi asked about the new Police station progress? They have selected an architect firm from Florida that specializes in police buildings. Still looking at final costs.

The Bonneville will be doing 4 planters and will plant them and maintain them. They have been nominated for an Orchid Award.

INL is still planning to move into the old Idahoan building as far as we know. They have a contract with the county to use the parking lot across the street.

The old Ferrell's building had the outside striped and had applied for a CDBG grant to do the windows, but it has expired. Nothing else has been done to the inside.

Todd owner of the SnakeBite is working on the façade and we have heard that he is talking to a hair salon to move in. We also heard that a juice bar was looking at it.

Diablas Kitchen is moving to the West Bank building across the river.

Pie Hole Café is hoping to open June 27<sup>th</sup> on Park Ave where the Royal Shoe shop was.

The Hotel Idaho building and the Shane building have applied for grants.

Select Health Insurance is moving into The Broadway building

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10am

Our next board meeting will be held July 7, 2020 at 8:30am

Respectfully submitted by Jill Hansen, Secretary and Mala Lyon