



MINUTES
Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency
Board of Commissioners
April 18, 2023
4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jill Tanis – Chair
Doug Dykeman – Vice Chair
Beth McNally – Commissioner
Tara Taylor – Commissioner

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Shafia Reeves
Warren Unsicker
Karen Lupton
Beth Escobar
Kay Rose

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jill Tanis at 4:00 p.m., and there being a quorum of members present, the following proceedings were duly had and taken.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Beth McNally moved to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2023 regular meeting as presented. Doug Dykeman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. **MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD BUSINESS**

Karen Lupton discussed the Art Walk event that took place on April 7th and the Sassy Run on April 8th. Ms. Lupton reported that both events were well-attended.

4. **CITY STAFF UPDATES**

Warren Unsicker gave an update on the Animas Action Plan and the amount of surveys that were received. He also gave an estimated time frame for the interim deliverables, full draft plan, implementation framework and presentations from Sites Southwest. A booth will be set up at Riverfest to get feedback from the public regarding the Animas Action Plan.

At the request of Beth McNally, Warren shared some information regarding traffic counts for the downtown Main Street corridor from 2019 to 2022. There was a lengthy discussion about parking, traffic and the effect that the Downtown Revitalization has had on businesses.

5. NEW BUSINESS


- **Floor** – None.
- **Chair** – Jill Tanis requested an update on the Chile Pod expansion and the old Wells Fargo building. Construction is in progress at the Chile Pod and the owners of the Well Fargo building were getting some engineering done, but Warren hasn't received any recent updates. Jill also requested new name tags and business cards for the new commissioners, and there was a lengthy discussion about the agenda format. Shaña recommended having the City Clerk come to the next meeting to give a presentation on the Open Meetings Act. Beth Escobar discussed some information regarding permitting and comprehensive plan implementation.
- **Members** – Doug Dykeman asked about the property at 121 N. Behrend. Beth Escobar clarified the zoning information and the type of construction planned for that property. Mr. Dykeman indicated that he was unaware of the intent to re-zone the property until he saw a sign posted on the building. Mr. Dykeman inquired as to why the MRA did not have a chance to review the request before it was scheduled to go to the Planning & Zoning Commission (P&Z). Shaña Reeves said she would check on the process for items going to P&Z and their potential to come before the MRA and report back.
- **Staff** – Shaña Reeves briefly discussed some of the City's budget challenges this year.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.



Jill Tanis, Chair



Kay Rose, Liaison