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Mission-Pickard Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING September 10, 2020 10:00 AM ELECTRONICALLY CONDUCTED

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jeff Smith at 10:02 am.

Present: Tim Coscarelly, Tim Driessnack (Vice Chair) John Hunter, Jerry Jaloszynski (for Margaret McAvoy), Tom Krapohl, Doug LaBelle II, Nancy Ridley, Robby Roberts, Jeff Smith (Chair), Robert VanDorin

Absent: Lisa Orlando

Also attending: (Staff): William Mrdeza (Host)

II. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Jaloszynski, seconded by Ridley, to approve the agenda as presented. **The motion passed unanimously.**

III. Approval of the June 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Mrdeza suggested a correction to the June minutes before the Board acted to approve them. As written, section IV.B. of the minutes state: *...the amount of taxes to be captured for both years depended on the City Commission's decision to temporarily reduce the capture rate from 28% to zero in order to assist businesses in the district with their recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.*

Mrdeza suggested the minutes be amended to reflect the more accurate statement: *... the amount of taxes to be captured for both years depended on the City Commission's decision to temporarily reduce the capture rate from 28% to zero in order to assist entities whose taxes are captured with their recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.* It was moved by Ridley, seconded by VanDorin, to approve the June 11, 2020 meeting minutes as amended. **The motion passed unanimously.** Ridley further noted that the City Commission has not voted to reduce the 28% capture rate in the district, so the 2021 budget assumes this rate will be in effect for the next budget year.

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IV. Old and New Business

A. Overview of DDA Activities per Informational Meeting Requirements

Mrdeza reviewed the synopsis outlining previous activities the DDA has been involved with as well as proposed future plans. Mrdeza indicated that additional opportunities for public review and comment on the Master Plan were recently made available virtually, including a virtual open house with the consultants. Ridley added that this was in lieu of the three planned public outreach opportunities set for earlier in the spring until the COVID-19 situation no longer made that a feasible option. LaBelle suggested that outreach be made to the businesses along the Mission Street corridor prior to implementing any specific project designs related to Master Plans recommendations. No other members of the public were in virtual attendance at the meeting or offered written comments for the informational meeting.

V. Other Business

Mrdeza provided the DDA Board with the dates of public hearings on the Master Plan for additional comments on the plan. He asked the Board to let anyone else interested in commenting on the plan know about these. The dates are:

- September 22nd: Parks and Recreation public hearing
- October 1st: Planning Commission public hearing
- November 9th: City Commission public hearing

The City Commission will consider action to adopt the Master Plan once these public hearings have been held. It is anticipated such action will occur prior to the end of the year.

Mrdeza also informed the Board that intersection lighting enhancements scheduled for High and Pickard Streets along Mission Street have been postponed until October or November due to delays in MDOT's High Street project. Both intersections are planned to receive the enhanced lighting treatments at the same time.

VI. Public Comments

There were no public comments received or offered.

VII. Adjourn

There being no other business, **the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.**