



**MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, August 26, 2015, 4:00pm
Meridian City Hall, Conference Room A
33 East Broadway Avenue - Meridian, Idaho**

1. Call Meeting to Order [Escobar]:

At 4:00pm, Chairman Escobar called the meeting to order.

2. Roll-call Attendance [Escobar]:

<u>X</u>	Jim Escobar – Chairman	<u>X</u>	Keith Bird – Member
<u>X</u>	Dan Basalone – Vice-Chairman	<u>O</u>	Kit Fitzgerald – Member
<u>X</u>	Dave Winder– Secretary/Treasurer	<u>X</u>	Callie Zamzow – Member
		<u>X</u>	Tammy de Weerd – Member
		<u>O</u>	Eric Jensen – Member
			[Arrived at 4:01pm]
		<u>X</u>	Calvin Barrett – Member
		<u>X</u>	Todd Lakey – Counsel
		<u>X</u>	Ashley Squyres – Administrator

3. Confirm Agenda [Escobar]:

A motion was made by Commissioner Basalone and seconded by Commissioner Winder to confirm the agenda with moving Item #8 to new Item #6.

ALL AYES.

4. Approve Consent Agenda [Escobar]: These items will be approved by a single vote unless a Board member requests to remove an item for specific discussion and/or action.

- a. Approve Minutes of the August 12, 2015 Regular Meeting**
- b. Approve July 2015 Financials and Notice of Bills Paid**

A motion was made by Commissioner de Weerd and seconded by Commissioner Winder to approve the consent agenda.

ALL AYES.

ACTION AND PRESENTATION ITEMS

5. Legislative Update [Scott Turlington]

Scott provided an update to the board regarding the interim committee kickoff meeting. Generally the first meeting revisited history and fundamentals of urban renewal. Monthly meetings will take place September through November. These will be meetings at the statehouse and will likely be 9am until 4pm. Scott doesn't believe anything negative will occur that will affect MDC. The committee will take all of the information and create legislation that will be presented to the legislature in 2016. Scott believes we have good support in both the House and Jeff Siddoway of the Senate is a friend of urban renewal.

6. Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2016 [Escobar/Squyres]

A motion was made by Commissioner de Weerd and seconded by Commissioner Winder to open the public hearing for the FY16 budget.

Due to the lack of public attendance at the meeting, Squyres only reviewed the capital expenditure line items with the board.

There was no public testimony.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bird and seconded by Commissioner Basalone to close the public hearing.

7. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget and Corresponding Resolution 15-036 [Escobar/Squyres]

A motion was made by Commissioner Winder and seconded by Commissioner Bird to approve the FY16 budget.

8. Façade Improvement Request for 140 East Idaho Avenue [Lakey/Squyres]

Chairman Escobar recused himself for this action item and disclosed he may have a financial conflict of interest in this particular project as an architect.

Squyres reviewed the narrative with the board and the specific request of MDC matching 50% of the cost which would be in the amount of \$29,766.

Josh Evarts introduced himself and discussed his concept for the property including the historical assets.

Commissioner Basalone discussed the merits of the application included increasing the property values of the property and bringing back the historical nature of the building.

Counsel Lakey discussed the evaluation criteria for the façade improvement program.

Commissioner Jensen discussed the decision the committee made to recommend approval to the board. He stated the recommendation was based upon the restoration of the building and meets the public purpose.

Commissioner de Weerd stated that this building is on the historical walking tour, which is a large public benefit to the community. She believes that this can be a catalyst project for downtown. This project will assist in eliminating blight and will assist in increasing property valuations.

Commissioner Barrett stated that this grant will benefit all downtown property and business owners because it will add to the tax roll. He further stated that the space will be available to other organizations for space.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bird and seconded by Commissioner Zamzow to approve the façade improvement in the amount of \$29,766.

ALL AYES WITH ESCOBAR ABSTAINING

9. Approval of the ACHD License Agreement for the Information Kiosk to be located on the SE Corner of Fairview Avenue and Main Street and Corresponding Resolution 15-037 [Lakey]

Lakey reviewed the ACHD license agreement with the board. A motion was made by Commissioner Bird and seconded by Commissioner Winder to approve the license agreement.

ALL AYES.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. Downtown Parking, Transportation and Streetscape Committee Update [Basalone]

Commissioner Basalone reviewed the meeting notes in the board packet.

11. Downtown Economic Development Partnership Update [Basalone]

Commissioner Basalone reviewed the meeting notes in the board packet.

12. Public Art Update [Squyres]

Squyres reviewed the public art piece that was selected by the Meridian Arts Commission with the board for the corner of Fairview and Main. Squyres reminded the board that MDC provided \$40,000 towards the art project. The piece selected is known as a “Canopy of Color” that will mimic trees.

13. Upcoming Committee Meetings [Squyres]

Squyres reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule with the board.

14. Counsel’s Report [Lakey]: Counsel Lakey will review legal topics that need to be brought to the attention of the Board.

Counsel Lakey will work with board members who own property within the district to provide any needed disclosures.

15. Administrator’s Report [Squyres]: Administrator Squyres will review topics that need to be brought to the attention of the Board.

No report.

16. Chairman’s Report

Squyres provided an update on 713 North Main tenant improvements.

17. Public Comment

No public comment.

18. Adjourn the Meeting [Escobar]:

At 4:59pm, a motion was made by Commissioner Bird and seconded by Commissioner Winder to adjourn the meeting.

ALL AYES.

Jim Escobar, Chairman