



MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, April 13, 2016, 7:30am
Meridian City Hall, Conference Room A
33 East Broadway Avenue - Meridian, Idaho

1. Call Meeting to Order [Escobar]:

At 7:34am, Chairman Escobar called the meeting to order.

2. Roll-call Attendance [Escobar]:

<u>X</u>	Jim Escobar – Chairman	<u>X</u>	Keith Bird – Member [Left at 8:43am]
<u>X</u>	Dan Basalone – Vice-Chairman	<u>O</u>	Kit Fitzgerald – Member
<u>X</u>	Dave Winder– Secretary/Treasurer	<u>O</u>	Callie Zamzow – Member
		<u>X</u>	Tammy de Weerd – Member
		<u>O</u>	Eric Jensen – Member
		<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 the removal of Item #9.

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 March 23, 2016 Regular Meeting**
- b. Approval March 2016 Administrator’s Report**

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

ALL AYES.

ACTION AND PRESENTATION ITEMS

5. Legislative Update [Scott Turlington]

Scott discussed House Bill 606 and the last couple of weeks of the legislative session. He stated that it is clear that urban renewal is a top-tier issue for many legislators and that HB606 is likely to have unintended consequences. He is aware of additional legislative efforts that will move forward next session. He discussed the biggest concern of the legislation focusing on plan amendments and the potential base reset. He also discussed why the economic development opportunity provision was removed from the draft. Scott believes there needs to be further clarification next year that would allow for a URA's plan that is too broad to be able to amend their plan with more specificity without risking a base reset. Representative Moyle intends to address this next session and this will be allowed however, there will be a sunset clause. The interest officials language was removed although Scott was able to get a draft RS printed before the end of the session. This will be a priority next session. Scott recommended that MDC be involved in the tax commission's rule-making process which will begin in May. He stated it will be important for MDC's voice to be heard. He discussed the benefit of remaining separate from the RAI and how this has benefitted MDC throughout the last few sessions. Counsel Lake stated he would like to see a differentiation between "Project" and "Plan" next session.

6. Consideration of Approval of Legislative Services Scope of Work for April 2016 through end of the 2017 Legislative Session and Corresponding Resolution 16-014 [Lakey]

Scott reviewed the proposal with the board and his recommendations of next steps moving forward. Commissioner Bird stated it was important for MDC to remain engaged and to withdraw now would be a disserve to the investment made thus far. It is clear that there has been value by having a voice in the legislature. Chairman Escobar stated he was apprehensive from the beginning in using TIF dollars for lobbying however, he agreed that MDC needed to remain active and vocal. A motion was made by Commissioner Winder and seconded by Commissioner Basalone to approve the legislative scope of work through the end of the 2017 legislative session.

ALL AYES.

7. Meridian Arts Commission Update on FY2016 Projects [Hillary Bodnar]

Hillary Bodnar from the city of Meridian presented on the three partnerships MDC holds with MAC:

- A. Traffic/Utility Box Art – the annual youth art selection is taking place the week of April 21. Commissioner Basalone will represent MDC on the panel of judges. A total of 6 boxes will be wrapped with MDC funds. The selected pieces will be shown at The Vault on April 22.
- B. Concerts on Broadway – there will be four concerts this year [06/18, 07/09, 08/06 and 08/13]. MAC is trying to provide more diversity this year in performers. There will be food truck vendors at each event. Wine Arts Development is taking over the event planning this year.
- C. Public Art at Fairview and Main – the City Council terminated the agreement with the selected artist due to a dispute. Hillary provided two options to the board: 1) approve the MAC recommendation of the Native Grasses proposal by CJ Wrench or 2) move forward with a new RFP with a reduced public comment period and more weight on experience. The board ultimately chose option #1 with allowing the MAC to move forward with their recommended alternate.

8. Consideration of Approval of Three Bike Fixit Stations Quote and Corresponding Resolution 16-015 [Squyres]

Squyres reviewed the bid for three bike repair stations that are to be located at Storey Park, the Community Center and the Boys and Girls Club. A motion was made by Commissioner Winder and seconded by Commissioner de Weerd to approve the quote in the amount of \$3,995 for three repair stations.

ALL AYES.

9. Consideration of Approval of Scope of Work from DeGuzman Designs for the Downtown Bike Map Project and Corresponding Resolution 16-016 [Basalone]

Item was removed from the agenda.

10. Consideration of Approval of Downtown Banners Quote and Corresponding Resolution 16-017 [Squyres]

Squyres reviewed the three bids for the downtown banners with the board. The bids were from Trademark Signs, Artech Design and Forge. Squyres stated that Rizen Creative solicited the bids from each and discussed the specifications based upon input from the city of Meridian Parks Department and the existing posts. Trademark had the lowest bid at \$27.22 each, Artech Design at \$28.90 and Forge at \$50/\$54 respectively. The board discussed the work that Trademark has produced for MDC [the kiosks and Main Street island banners]. Concern was expressed about the timeframe. A motion was made by Commissioner Winder and seconded by Commissioner Barrett to approve the Trademark Signs bid at \$7,128.83.

ALL AYES.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

11. Upcoming Committee Meetings [Squyres]

Squyres reviewed the upcoming committee meetings.

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

No report.

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

No report.

14. Chairman's Report

No report.

15. Public Comment

No public comment.

16. Adjourn the Meeting [Escobar]:

At 9:21am, a motion was made by Commissioner de Weerd and seconded by Commissioner Barrett to adjourn the meeting.

ALL AYES.

Jim Escobar, Chairman