



## LBID MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 | 3 pm  
124 South Main Street, Suite 210, Livingston and via Zoom

**Present:** Dale Sexton, Dale Hopkins, Megan Eubank, James Langteaux, Brian Menges Lauren Silano

**Not Present:** Tyler Erickson

**Also present:** Executive Director Kris King, Kathleen Kaul

**Public Comment** – Andy Rutz of Crescendo discussed Downtown Master Plan process. Outreach began in July, expect to conclude by May. Builds on City of Livingston Growth Policy and goals and policies that pertain to Downtown. The process is an opportunity for the community to share more details on their vision for Downtown and how they want to see it grow and evolve in ways that align with the Growth Policy. Community and stakeholder feedback is a key part of the plan scope, their team met with stakeholders in August, did Downtown tours, have been holding calls with stakeholders, and have had nearly 400 responses to the initial survey (the results are on the website page hosted by LBID). The website also has an email sign up and a comment section. Scope includes parking and housing assessments, streetscape improvements plan and wayfinding, land use, parks and open spaces, mobility, and opportunities to amenitize the Downtown. Next visit will include a Tuesday Nov 14 community workshop, Nov 15 Business Owners Breakfast, Planning Board Meeting, and Nov 15 Community Open House. Want to include high school students, seniors and those in the community who often aren't included in planning. Discussed street closure process and cost analysis, and public art process and funding.

### **Discussion/Action Items**

- A. **Review/Modify/Approve Past Meeting Minutes** - *Motion to approve by Dale Sexton/Second by James/Approved Unanimously.*
- B. **Public Art/Reusable Water Station** – proposal by Dane Rodwell to donate a 8' tall and 12' wide painting commissioned by Ozark Producer and Montana resident Patrick Markey in a campaign on his set to reduce the use of single use water bottles, they reduced plastic bottle consumption by 90%. Would like to have this painting on a Downtown exterior wall with a water bottle refill station and have businesses/stakeholders participate with reusable water bottles, could be branded. Lauren brought up the importance of including maintenance as part of any funding so it is always working.
- C. **Downtown Street Closure** – discussed economics of street closures, process, and changing regulations to have process be simpler, with more business feedback and more transparency. Discussed 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Oktoberfest as pilot project for shutting down a less-visited block. Have discussed taking advantage of Depot and Sacajawea Park, closures later in the day or Sundays instead of Summer Saturdays during the day.
- D. **Food Trucks** – request from a food truck for Downtown business owners to sign a letter to the City Commission saying they want fewer regulations and more food trucks downtown. The

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LBID Board is not in favor of this. The Downtown Master Plan would be a good place to address food truck regulations and not competing with Downtown restaurants. Note: it was Secret Sandwich and Jess Kula, not Bad Burger, who threatened us during Oktoberfest food truck planning. Bad Burger has been a great partner at events.

**E. Additional Discussion Items from Board Members – N/A**

**Update on Business Items of Interest**

**A. Executive Director Report** – Discussed Light Bikes project similar to the Light Bike Trail in Billings, Yellowstone Gateway Museum would like to make some of the bikes in a future Family Days event. Working with hourly office assistant to help with wrangling all three groups’ books, also working with Shannon Stober consulting on Board and org priorities, creating improved systems and efficiencies for the Explore Livingston Coalition trio. Pedestrian danger from bicyclists on Downtown sidewalks addressed with Sandwich signs from the Public Works Department about no biking on sidewalks. Working with Active Transportation Coalition and encouraging a more bikeable Downtown, including information that bikers are safer when they bike in auto lanes instead of on sidewalks where they’re harder for drivers to see. The Public Works Department has installed additional seasonal bike racks to encourage more biking. Will be attending the Montana Downtown Conference in Great Falls, these are very pragmatic, hands-on solution-based gatherings. LBID Garbage can stickers have been ordered, Lindie Gibson has volunteered to clean up and repaint the Downtown sidewalk garbage cans including anti-graffiti paint. Garbage contractor is doing a great job emptying the sidewalk cans but does not have the capacity to also remove graffiti, which remains unaddressed. Will have to re-open position when she leaves the state this spring (housing issue). Currently switching out seasonal banners and finishing wayfinding banners. Had two work trucks this summer, one for garbage and one for watering flowers. Will have to review as this increases costs to insure two trucks. Both trucks are in pretty poor mechanical shape. Discussed erecting Snowflake Lights, first Friday in November 3, starting around 7 am.

**B. Additional Discussion Items from Board Members – N/A**

**Public Comment on any Public Matter Not on the Agenda – N/A**

4:18 pm Adjourn      *Minutes respectfully submitted by Kris King*

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