



LBID MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 26, 2023 | 3 pm
124 South Main Street, Suite 210, Livingston and via Zoom

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

Not Present: Tyler Erickson **Also present:** Executive Director Kris King

Public Comment – Presentation by Katherine Daly Program Manager of the Park County Housing Coalition on the organization’s 2000-2003 work, housing needs assessments, collaborations, implementation of 12 tools to address housing issues and housing action plan. Katherine is the paid director and works with a 9-person steering community. Discussed what cost-burdened housing means, lack of inventory, home price and interest rates’ sharp rise, lack of mobility and housing options. 70% of Park County residents own their own homes and average household # 2, a quarter of residents are 65 years +. Discussed Accessory Dwelling Unit pilot project, Employer-Assisted Housing Partnership Pilot Program, Zoning reform participation, developer education and support and ways business owners can get involved in solutions. Board members discussed the stress of running a business with staff struggling with housing issues and if much of their staff loses housing, they could not operate. Discussed creating ‘Housing Hero’ program that we could support identifying people who donate land for housing, build ADUs etc. and have a yard sign, window stickers and businesses could offer discounts to the Housing Hero for their featured month as a Hero.

Discussion/Action Items

- A. **Review/Modify/Approve Past Meeting Minutes** - Motion to approve by Dale Hopkins/Second by Dale Sexton/Approved Unanimously.
- B. **Financial Report** – reviewed expenses and year to date budget and program expense increases with aging vehicles, labor costs, have requested funds from the City for flowers to replace previous URA partnership. Discussed why the City doesn’t empty sidewalk garbage cans and asking if they have the staffing or vehicles to partner in that role with our financial support. Discussed updating LBID building owner list that have changed from business to residential and vice versa, which could impact income. When we renew in 2031 we could change collections, boundaries and who is exempt (currently nonprofits and residential properties.) Discussed garbage and flower expenses and priorities. Discussed donating flower baskets to businesses instead of paying for them all, could do baskets at each corner for consistency and offer the rest to businesses to oversee.
- C. **Mt Downtown & Main Street Conference** – cohosting with Bozeman 10/23-25 with the 24th being in Livingston.
- D. **Downtown Hate Speech** – Lauren met with the Police Chief to discuss the white supremacy and anti-LGBTQ stickers put up around town and the police response when called, also discussed state law, regulations, and ordinances of vandalism on private and public property, and public safety plan for upcoming Pride events. If you see a flyer, sticker or incident, call dispatch nonemergency, a Statewide organization tracks hate incidents. Can invite the Chief to a Board meeting to discuss issues.
- E. **Additional Discussion Items from Board Members** – N/A

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

5 pm Adjourn Next Meeting: May 28, 2024

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kris King

Board of Directors

Officers: Dale Sexton – Chair, Tyler Erickson – Vice Chair

Members: Megan Eubank, Dale Hopkins, James Langteaux, Brian Menges, Lauren Silano