

# Greeley Downtown Alliance Meeting

March 17th, 2017 ~ The Bean Plant Studio ~ 8am

**Attendees:** Jim Sereff, Susan Herold, GPD Officer Rebecca Ries, Pam Bricker, Bianca Fisher, Karen Baumgartner, Francis Denning, Cynthia Kountz, Suzanne Sereff, Beth Sereff, Vanessa Foster, Lisa Hudson, Phil White, Cindy Osborne, Jessi Howell, Mary Roberts, Paul Hlad, Kim Overholt, Linda McSwain, Colette Pitcher, Debbie Cashdorph, Sherelle Escobedo

- Welcome from Jim Sereff, GDA chair
- Welcome from Susan Herold, host
  - Susan is a multi-media artist who has had The Bean Plant Studio for 6 years. The Bean Plant is not open all the time but does participate in First Friday: A Nights Of Art and is open for appointments.
- Everyone introduced themselves to the group
- DDA update from Pam Bricker:
  - There are only a couple of spots open for lease including the space next to The Nerd Store on 8th Street and a couple of retail spots in the 800 8th Avenue building
  - Opening soon will be a skateboard shop at 9th Street and 9th Avenue, Free Leaf (eco-friendly & handmade goods) on 9th Avenue where the dog groomer was and the Fred Tjardes School of Innovation in August in the old Right To Read building
  - Next Wednesday at the Atlas Theatre, the GCD will be hosting a Cacophony of Creatives at 4:30pm
  - District 6 & Friends Arts Walk was bigger and better than ever – thank you to all who helped to make it happen
  - Homeless Issues – The GPD & Greeley Streets Department cleared out underneath bridges yesterday and the Cold Weather Shelter has closed
  - 100-year Anniversary Celebration coming up on June 30th
  - Took a hotel walkthrough on Monday – Will see if we can host the August Meeting there so we can all see it before it is officially open
  - New Fire Station projected to open in July
- Experience update from Pam Bricker for Alison Hamling:
  - Blarney On The Block was a huge success and there was a lot of participation. Thanks to Susan Herold for all her help at the information table.
  - MayPlay Music Festival – Saturday, April 29th
  - Friday Fest – Starts in June with the Greeley Unexpected Kickoff
  - Monster Day – August 26th at 4pm – Featuring the Greeley Gremlin and lots of fun things going on
  - Groundbreaking for Phase 1 of the City Center Project – March 31st
  - Passport To Fun retail event – 4th Thursday of the month from 5-8pm beginning. April 27th
- Greeley Police Department Update from Officer Rebecca Ries
  - Are headed toward having a Downtown unit with 3 Downtown officers all the time
  - Will be seeing more officers on bicycles Downtown
  - Will also be seeing the School Resource Officers Downtown once school is out
- Membership Update from Karen Baumgartner:
  - Have just over half of what we had last year so be sure to encourage your neighbors to join
  - It is pivotal right now to get it in so that we can start working on the Brochure
- SBDC Tip of The Month from Vanessa Foster:

- Check out the CamCard App which you can get for a one-time 99 cent installation fee. You can take pictures of business cards you have received and put them in a contact list. With the App, you can message those in the contact list, exchange contacts, add notes, link to contacts from your phone and sync to contact lists
- Vanessa also mentioned that next week, on the 22nd, is SBDC Day. A proclamation will be read and they will recognize a business from Weld County.
- Pam said that she checked out Canva.com (free platform for developing marketing materials) that Vanessa mentioned at the February meeting and it is a good tool to use
- Announcements
  - Cynthia Kountz from the Dragon's Cache introduced herself. She will be taking over when Francis retires. They are working on refreshing the business and are looking for new artists and musical artists to feature. Suggestions are appreciated April will feature Philomena Lee and May will feature Alan Adler.
  - Warm Hugs Mixes & Gifts will be holding a Fashion Show at Joe Molina Gallery & Studios on April 8th. It is a ticketed event and tickets are available at Warm Hugs
  - The Greeley Ice Haus will have extended hours next week for Spring Break
  - Jim Belushi is coming to the UCCC
  - The museums will once again offer their PAST Port which includes a free visit to each museum. PAST Ports will be available at the CMRM, the Chamber and the Greeley History Museum. The Greeley History Museum will now close at 4pm Wednesday-Sunday.
  - Miss Mary's Kitchen will be hosting an Ode to Italy cooking class on March 25th featuring homemade Pizzelle cookies & cannoli cream and oils for dipping. Class is from 11am-1pm and the cost is \$10. There will also be a Food That Is Not What It Looks Like Demonstration on April 1st from 11am-1pm.
  - The Stitches & Stories Miniature Quilt Show at the Library will be up on Monday and Family Fun Saturdays are going good
  - The WeldWerks 2nd Anniversary Party will be this weekend (Friday-Sunday)
  - The closing reception for the Greeley Tribune Art Show at the Michener Library will be on Friday, March 23rd
  - The Showcase Art Center has added "Inspired Designs" upstairs from the former owner of Glitz Galore and they are looking at changing their hours some
  - Susan Herold had information on the Simple Supper for Kids in Desperate Situations 19th annual Soup Supper at on Tuesday and she asked if all would please sign the guest book

#### Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

- **Friday, April 21st, 2017 at the Lincoln Park Library (1012 11th Street)**
- **Friday, May 19th, 2017...NEED A HOST**
- **Friday, June 16th, 2017...NEED A HOST**
- **Friday, July 21st, 2017...NEED A HOST**