

Greeley Downtown Alliance Meeting

April 15th, 2016 ~ DDA Office ~ 8am

Attendees: Mary Roberts, Rayanne Meeker, Stephanie Hayes, Heather Marrow, Paul Hllad, Stephanie Boulton, Pete Morrell, Brian Florio, Raquel Jandreau, Linda Winter, Cindy Osborne, Verniece Thomas, Suzanne Sereff, Linda McSwain, Francis Denning, Peter Osterfelt, Colette Pitcher, Dana Stencel, Shelly Garcia, Bianca Fisher, Alison Hamling, Pam Bricker

- Welcome from Linda Winter, GDA chair
- Everyone introduced themselves to the group
- DDA update from Pam Bricker:
 - Hotel groundbreaking was on Tuesday and work officially began last week; the library is still open during construction; work on the sewer line will begin after UNC Jazz Fest and will last about 2 weeks-- 8th Street and half of 9th Avenue between 7th and 8th will be closed
 - Improvements on 8th Avenue from 13th Street to 10th Street should be completed this year; many properties on 8th Avenue are being purchased
 - 3 new art trees were just installed
 - Portland Loo is being held up because they need to tie into the new sewer line; should be up and running by mid-May
 - New parking maps have been created by the City and are on the DDA website; should help with issue of people not knowing where you can park and for how long
 - City has negotiated with the Tribune, the County, and others to utilize additional parking spaces; the lot east of George's Bike shop will be open to the public in the evenings starting at 6 pm; the Greeley Building next to the UCCC will also be open to the public
 - There will also potentially be shuttle and valet services for the UCCC
 - City will put up additional signage
 - According to a study done by Walker Consultants, there are 1,600 parking spots within the core and they are never to capacity; 9th Avenue is the most heavily used area; recommendation is to standardize time limits in core and free up parking outside of core to become unlimited (only reason for timed parking is because of employers); standard country-wide is 2-hour limit
 - We need 15-minute loading zones on each key block; need input on 2-hour versus 3-hour parking limit
- Parking Discussion:
 - The County doesn't park in their lots, not ticketed when outside the line; not just the County but other businesses are doing this too
 - Standard time limit will not work for everyone; just need to pick something and stick with it
 - Ice Haus parking signage is bad
 - 2 hours is not long enough
 - Workers need temporary permits
 - Need warnings before first ticket is issued
 - Don't want to make distance requirement for moving cars
 - Need to be able to get parking waivers for big events or classes or long therapy sessions, etc.
 - Need higher cost for habitual offenders
 - 2-hour limit is perfect for 9th Avenue
 - Parking garage is not recommended now but will be looked at in the future; it costs about \$20K per spot to build and people will have to pay to park

- People not aware of the rules; signage is bad
- F-lot needs to stay 2 hour
- What will be considered “core” for standard time limits? –Need to look at it case by case, block by block
- Suggestion: 2-hour limit on streets, 3-hour limit in parking lots, unlimited outside of core; majority support this suggestion
- Membership Dues Update from Bianca Fisher:
 - We have received dues forms from most but please make sure to get us your check
 - Karen will be in touch about getting a description of the new brochures—please respond to her promptly, or we will have to use the description from the last brochure.
 - Let us know if there is anyone else we should invite to join the GDA.
- DDA Experience Update from Alison Hamling:
 - This Saturday from 1-11 pm, there will be dancing and poetry at Molina Gallery
 - May 6 at 6 pm kicks off Friday Fest with May Play; will have Pay pole dances and 2 stages
 - All bands are lined up for the Friday Fest season; big nights will be June 3- Greeley Unexpected kick-off, June 10- Blues Jam kick-off, June 17- Greeley Stampede kick-off, July 22- KGRE, La Tigre night, July 29- Arts Picnic kick-off
 - Ag Fest & Feast will be on August 27; moved to the depot and will tie into Farmer’s Market
 - September 2 is Block Party
 - September 23-24 is Oktobrewfest
 - May 7 is comic book day at the Nerd Store
 - UNC Jazz Fest is next week
- Business and Other Announcements:
 - Today from 4-6 pm there will be an art show at Michener Library at UNC
 - Warm Hugs will have their grand re-opening next Friday and Saturday
 - Lincoln Park Library will be open in the current location until May 29 and then will re-open at the Goodwill building on May 31
 - Tribune is hosting an effective advertising workshop next week—please RSVP
 - May 13 is the Conservatory Dance Studio’s showcase at the UCCC
 - There will be a Raclette open house on April 30 at Miss Mary’s Kitchen from 10:30 am-2 pm; also a demo of a salt mill
 - Tickets for Mother’s Day Brunch at Currier Inn are available; partnering with Café Panache
 - United Way Day of Action is on June 18—need projects, please contact Tara Hess
- Meeting Schedule:
 - Friday, May 20th, 2016 at 8 am at Warm Hugs Mixes & Gifts new location (809 10th Street)
 - Friday, June 17th, 2016 at 8 am at the UCCC (701 10th Avenue)