

Greeley Downtown Alliance Meeting

April 21st, 2017 ~ Lincoln Park Library ~ 8am

Attendees: Jim Sereff, GPD Officer Rebecca Ries, Pam Bricker, Alison Hamling, Karen Baumgartner, Francis Denning, Suzanne Sereff, Phil White, Cindy Osborne, Jessi Howell, Mary Roberts, Paul Hlad, Colette Pitcher, Debbie Cashdorph, Sherelle Escobido, Deb DeBoutez, Jerri Jantz, Carla Nagy, Patricia Nelson, Heather Marrow, Ely Corliss

- Welcome from Jim Sereff, GDA chair
- Welcome from Cindy Osborne, host
 - The Lincoln Park Library has been in its current location for almost a year and even though it is smaller it is still full service
 - Check out the Quilts on display for the Stitches & Stories: Miniature Quilt Show And Contest
- Everyone introduced themselves to the group
- Greeley Police Department update from Officer Rebecca Ries
 - Will have three officers stationed downtown from Noon-10pm: 1 Sunday-Wednesday and 2 Wednesday-Saturday
 - They will be on bike, foot patrol and will most likely have a car available for when needed
 - They will be housed out of the United Way building on 9th Street
- DDA update from Pam Bricker:
 - The old Warm Hugs location at the corner of 9th Avenue & 9th Street is available for lease so let us know if you know someone who is looking – 2500 sf/\$3000 a month
 - Openings in the 800 on 8th (corner of 8th Avenue & 8th Street) for office space and retail - will build to suite
 - There will be an open house at the building on May 18th from 4-6pm
 - The School of Innovation will be opening this fall at the old Right To Read Building at 8th Avenue & 6th Street
 - The crane is gone and the hotel is on schedule to open September 1st. They already have a ½ million dollars in business booked.
 - Are looking to be part of a new multi-cultural event on October 7th that features all cultures
 - There is an article in today's paper about the clocks that are being repaired on the Weld County Courthouse. The 100-year anniversary celebration for the Courthouse will be on June 30th and Jerri is making a special cake for the occasion
 - There is going to be a new playground in Lincoln Park and they will start construction on that on May 1st (passed around picture of new design)
- Experience update from Alison Hamling:
 - MayPlay Music Festival – Saturday, April 29th on the 9th Street Plaza and there is also a chalk event that night on the 8th Street Plaza for County employees
 - Armando and Wes Sam-Bruce will be working on a new mural called "Courage" and we are working on an event to celebrate the completion of the new mural
 - Gillespie House Fundraiser – Saturday, May 20th from 11am-5pm
 - Friday Fest – Starts in June with the Greeley Unexpected Kickoff, the Blues Jam Kickoff and the Greeley Stampede Kickoff. There will also be an evening featuring "Milliken Underground), a bike rodeo and guests from Parker and the Weld County Courthouse 100th Anniversary Celebration featuring entertainment, stilt walkers, etc.
 - Sponsorships for Friday Fest are going great
 - Potential Hip Hop Street Event from Katie at the Conservatory Dance Studio

- Monster Day – August 26th at 4pm
- Shop Around The Block will be next Thursday – 11 businesses participating
- Announcements
 - Heather Marrow brought business cards for everyone to have in case they need to get hold of her
 - Marilyn White will be at Miss Mary's Kitchen next Saturday and LPE is trying to have an event every Saturday including an Armenian Cooking class featuring Baklava, book signings and how-to events
 - Warm Hugs will plan to do more Fashion Shows (spring/fall)
 - Alison is scheduling show Facebook Posts leading up to Mother's Day – if there is something you would like to highlight that would make a wonderful Mothers' Day gift, send it to Alison
 - The GPO Kentucky Derby Gala is coming up and Accessories With A Flair!!!!...and Hair has hats for that event and for the Courthouse Anniversary Celebration
 - The Summer Greeley Farmers' Market begins on May 20th at the Depot – there will be lots of vendors, kids' activities, live music and a 25th Anniversary celebration at the end of September
 - The 60 in 60 Greeley Tribune program will feature ideas to promote your business and it will be next Tuesday at the Country Club
 - The MayPlay Music Festival will be April 29th starting at 5pm – featuring 25+ local bands
 - The Moxi Theater is hosting the Jazz Festival this week
 - Bandwagon Magazine is an independent monthly magazine – Call Ely if you need more advertising information
 - There will be a Junque in the Trunk art swap at the Showcase Art Center tomorrow
 - There will be an opening reception for Gail Fraiser and Lynn Milliken at the Mary Michener Gallery on the UNC Campus
 - Colette Pitcher is participating in a Plain Aire event where you paint every Friday and she has some workshops coming up – Watch for details
 - The CMRM has a Wonderful World of Trains event this Friday and Saturday, Union Pacific Days next Friday and Saturday, and their 8th Anniversary celebration on the 27th
 - Mary Roberts mentioned that the D Block Car Cruise ins will be taking place once a month and asked that everyone we sure to go in and do some on-line reviews of your neighbors busines

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

- **Friday, April 21st, 2017 at the Lincoln Park Library (1012 11th Street)**
- **Friday, May 19th, 2017...United Way of Weld County (814 9th Street)**
- **Friday, June 16th, 2017... La Petite French Bakery (919 16th Street)**
- **Friday, July 21st, 2017...Greeley Farmers' Market (Historic Union Pacific Depot)**