

Downtown Business Improvement District

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
September 21, 2005

The September 21, 2005 Board of Directors meeting was held in the Jesse Lowe Conference Room #310 of the Civic Center at 1819 Farnam Street, beginning at 12:00 noon.

Minutes

A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present:

Curtis Christensen, Chair
Joe Bateman
Dee Dee Spetman
Marc Nichols
Paula Steenson
Brian Magee
Todd Heistand
Brenda Dooley
Jeff Jorgensen

Mayor's Staff:

Sheryl Lindau
Steve Scarpello

City of Omaha Planning Department:

Bridget Hadley

City of Omaha Law Department:

Bernard in den Bosch

Public:

Kelli O'Brien
Scott Hoyt
Neil Willer

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the agenda and meeting minutes was moved by D. Spetman, seconded by J. Bateman and passed.

D. OLD BUSINESS

Fundraising was discussed, an additional \$20,000 to \$30,000 needs to be raised to complete all phases of creating a BID. The fundraising letter that was composed by C. Christensen needs to be reviewed before it is sent out to potential donors.

E. NEW BUSINESS

Brad Segal of Progressive Urban Management Associates was present to report on his site visit and the three public forums he conducted for stakeholders on the purposes of BID's and what types of services they would be willing to pay for.

Brad Segal outlined a BID that would provide a lower cost level of services in the \$200,000 to \$300,000 per year range. Clean and safe issues were the only types of services that received any consensus based on the individuals attending the forums. Attendees were divided in their support for the idea of creating a BID.

Brad Segal will compile the results of the mail in surveys and that information will be provided at a later date.

F. ADJOURN