

Regular Meeting Minutes | Tuesday, July 14, 2020 | 7:00 a.m.

ZOOM Meeting

Attendees: Forrest Neuerburg, Arlene Harms, Representative Donald Valdez, Kevin Wilkins, Linda Robinson, Jennifer Alonzo, Tom Slade, Jim Clare, Marty Asplin, Tom Monaco, Gary Johnson, Bernadette Martinez, Shon Davis, Traci Holmes, Jim Kynor, Karla Shriver, Lyndsie Ferrell, Pam Bricker, Carol, Gene Glover, Kathy Woods, Carolyn Kawanabe, John Noffske, Delzia Worley, Mel Semrad, Jeni R. Jack-Goodwin, Donna, and Bonnie Asplin.

- I. **Call to Order** 7:02 a.m. by President, Forrest Neuerburg
- II. **Minutes of the June 9, 2020 meeting:** M/S for approval Kathy Woods/Bonnie Asplin; approved.
- III. **Programs:**

Arlene Harms, CEO of Rio Grande Hospital and Clinics, presented plans for the New Regional Wellness Village, beginning with the multiple needs that this project will address. She explained that the Wellness Village should be: 1) intergenerational, collaborative not competitive with the community; 2) available and accessible to all ages, all income levels and all abilities; and 3) supportive, social and a focus on creating wellness. Harms unveiled the plan, currently on hold due to COVID. The plan includes a facility to engage and educate our community in their own healthcare, to initially include a community center for the promotion of health and four or five small units for short-term housing of would care patients, hospice, families of patients and visiting med students and specialists. Currently they are renting 3 houses at the cost of \$2,100 a month. The houses would be around 600 square feet and would have a kitchen, dining area/living room, a bathroom and bedroom. The communal building will have a large meeting space, communal area where the public and come to enjoy having coffee with friends, books to read and have a relaxing, calming atmosphere that promotes health and wellness. It could also be used to offer educational classes to the community to learn how to live a healthy lifestyle, teach yoga and other healthy activities. It would have a large kitchen that could be used to teach people how to eat healthy and help them learn to cook. There would be sidewalks around the property, room for expansion, a place for RV parking and would serve as a model for other healthcare entities and towns. Questions and answers followed.

Reports from Communities:

- a. Gary Johnson reported about the Community Resources & Housing Development (CR&HD) Corp. ground breaking last week in Monte Vista for four families who will be building their dream homes in the Tierra Del Sol subdivision. After several years' absence from Monte Vista, the CR&HD program is back in Monte with its Self Help Housing projects.
- b. Kathy Woods reported that Alamosa is opening up outdoor seating, and they are working with CDOT to continued & collaborate with Alamosa's Downtown Plan on Hwy 160.
- c. Karla Shriver reported the Ski Hi Regional complex is still moving forward. She and Kathy Woods are giving a presentation to DOLA today for funding. The project volunteers have raised \$800,000 in local donations, and are still looking for continued local financial support toward their \$8.9 million goal. Demolition of the old buildings should start within a few weeks.
- d. Kevin Wilkins reported on the Energize Colorado funding from OEDIT; the money available for the next round of COVID; upcoming \$5m available for hospitality - on-line applications are available (must move fast); and he will be sending out information to the regional EDOs as SLVDRG obtains funding.

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- IV. **Next Meeting:** August 11, 2020, 7 a.m.
- a. Location – tentatively a ZOOM meeting
 - b. Program – by Martha Williamson, District Ranger with the Rio Grande National Forest Divide Ranger District, will give a presentation about the USFS Economic Impact Grant Plan

- V. **Adjourn:** at 7:52 am

Respectfully submitted, Linda Robinson