



FINAL Minutes

LDDA Board of Directors

528 Main Street, Longmont, CO 80501

January 9, 2014 – 2 PM

Present: Bill Sawyers, Sharon Smith-Eisler, Gabe Santos, Burbidge Austin, Bob Goff, Ex-officio Member: City of Longmont, Jim Golden
Guests: Tony Kindelspire
Staff: Executive Director, Kimberlee McKee; Del Rae Heiser; Emelie Torres

1. **REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND SILENT ROLL TAKING**

2. **BOARD AND EX-OFFICIO MEMBER COMMENTS** - none

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: Larry Stauss moved to approve the agenda, Burbidge Austin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD (5 MINUTE MAX PER SPEAKER)** - none

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Letter of Support for Pumphouse Brewery and Red Zone

Bill gave the board a background of the restaurant's failure to renew its license. An over-site was made by one of the partners by not mailing the alcohol license renewal check on time. The lapse caused a cancellation of their license to sell alcohol for at least 60-90 days. The LDDA Board needed to vote if a letter of support should be sent out to Judge VanDeHey.

Burbidge did not feel the situation should be a part of the LDDA issue to support given the clerical error they made. They were accountable for it and the LDDA should leave the matter alone.

Larry stated that employees are also affected by this. As a cornerstone of downtown and having recognized their mistake, he feels they deserve the LDDA support.

Bob cited that the number of licensed businesses downtown is unimportant and one of the owners being the mayor has nothing to do with it. Economic and social impact is critical to businesses downtown. The LDDA is the leader in downtown businesses and should support the brewery.

Sharon pointed out the possible negative impact to the mayor and LDDA if this letter of support went out.

Gabe didn't see the letter of support as a special treatment to the mayor. Pumphouse is a vital downtown business and he would advocate the support.

Joe feels it is a critical business downtown and if the business closes, it will affect all businesses downtown.

Kimberlee suggested passing the motion contingent on the letter of support being presented to the partners of Pumphouse and see if they are in favor of sending it to Judge VanDeHey.

Motion: Bob Goff moved to approve the letter of support with the caveat that the letter be presented by the board to the Pumphouse partners before sending out. Gabe Santos seconded the motion. Burbidge opposed. The motion passed.

6. **PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD (5 MINUTE MAX PER SPEAKER)** - none

7. **ITEMS FROM THE STAFF** - none

8. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS** – Bob stated that as an LDDA board member, he and other members support the LDDA as an entity.

9. **ADJOURN** – 2:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kimberlee McKee
Executive Director, LDDA

Bill Sawyers
Chairperson, LDDA