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Great Falls Tourism Business Improvement District

Minutes; Request for Funding Meeting

1pm – January 19, 2012

Holiday Inn – 400 10th Ave. So.

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Facilitator: Robert Dompier - Chair

Minutes: Karen Venetz – Administrative & Marketing Director

Board members present: Robert Dompier, Sandra Thares, David Buckingham, Ryan Carroll and Malissa Hollan

Board members absent: Pam Volk and Scott Shull

Quorum present: Yes

Guests: Patty Rearden, Bruce Pollington and John Smith; Rivers' Edge Trail and Stephanie Cummings; ECSC

Meeting called to order: 1pm

Approval of minutes: Approval of December 22, 2011 minutes

- A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed with unanimous consent.

Approval of financial report: Finance report as of December 31 2011

- A motion was made to accept the finance report as of December 31, 2011 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed with unanimous consent.

Public comment on agenda items: There were no public comments

Agenda topics:

Presentations:

- Electric City Soccer Club
 - ~~Mr.~~ Ms. Cummings requested funding for the Can-Am Mother's Day Soccer Tournament to be held May 12 & 13, 2012. This is the first Mother's Day tournament and should draw teams from MT, ID, WY, WA and Canada. The games begin on Sat at 8am and complete on Sunday at 4pm
 - A motion was made to fund the event in the amount of \$100/team up to but not exceeding \$3000. The teams participating from Great Falls are excluded from the total
 - The motion was seconded and passed with unanimous consent.
- Rivers Edge Trail
 - Patty Rearden, Bruce Pollington and John Smith representing the River's Edge Trail requested funding for maintenance assistance.
 - The TBID Board was presented with a very well put together grant request. After considerable discussion the board felt that the Rivers' Edge Trail was a definite tourist draw but does not fulfill the mission of the TBID of generating room nights for the Great Falls lodging facilities.
 - A motion was made to refer the request to the GFALA March meeting, the motion was followed by a second and passed with unanimous consent.
 - Ms. Venetz will follow up with Ms. Rearden and request her attendance on March 13th at 11:30am.
 - GFPS Athletic Department
 - Divisional A BBB and GBB

