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Great Falls Tourism Business Improvement District
Agenda; Grant Application Requests & BOD meeting
1pm – March 21, 2013
Holiday Inn – 400 10th Ave. So.

Chair

Sec/Treasurer

Date

March 21, 2013

Facilitator: Robert Dompier - Chair

Minutes: Karen Venetz – Administrative & Marketing Director

Board members present: Robert Dompier, Sandra Johnson Thares, David Buckingham, Becky Amaral Miller

Board members absent: Ryan Carroll, Scott Shull and Malissa Hollan

Quorum present: Yes

Guests: Mary Paoli; Voices of MT Tourism, Ron Ray; RACE MT, Jim Lawrence; Special Olympics, Martin Fleck and Tracy Houck; Team Trolley

Meeting called to order 1:05pm

Approval of minutes: Minutes of Feb. 21, Feb. 22, and March 21, 2013

Approval of financial report: Finance report as of February 28, 2013

Public comment on agenda items: There were no public comments

Agenda topics:

- Presentations
 - 1:00 – Voices of Montana Tourism – Mary Paoli
 - Ms. Paoli shared an excellent report on the efforts and successes of Voices in the past 1 ½ years
 - Ms. Paoli is requesting additional funding pledges for Voices to maintain its cohesive voice to law makers and with media
 - Ms. Thares recused herself from voting, as she is the President of the ML&HA which works closely with Voices.
 - That left the total of voting members less than a quorum. The discussion was tabled until March 28, 2013 meeting
 - 1:30- Race MT – Ron Ray
 - Mr. Ray gave a great presentation regarding the progress and growth of the RACE MT volunteer organization.
 - A motion was made to fund the request with a \$250.00 grant, the motion was seconded. The motion carried with unanimous consent
 - 1:45 – Special Olympics – Jim Lawrence
 - Mr. Lawrence shared heartwarming stories about SOMT members and how participating makes such a difference in their lives.
 - A motion was made to fund the November SO Basketball games with a \$2500.00 grant, the motion was seconded. The motion passed with unanimous consent.
 - 2:05 – Team Trolley – Martin Fleck and Tracy Houck
 - Team Trolley shared their success story and of their goal to keep the trolley wheels turning. The team has put together an advisory board and has a business plan in place
 - The TBID board had general discussion, but felt that since the full board was not in attendance they should wait until the March 28th meeting for further discussion.

- 2:20 – Montana Traffic Educators Association
 - The MTEA would like to discuss the possibility of holding their meeting in GF on an annual basis. The association already has the 2013 meeting scheduled in GF. Ms. Venetz will contact them and discuss their future plans.
- 2:35 – Montana Expo Park –
 - The MT Expo park was unable to attend

➤ Open Discussion: none

Checks issued: no checks were issued

Meeting adjourned: 3:13 pm

Next meetings:

April 2013	May 2013	June 2013	July 2013
April 18, 2013 @ 1pm Holiday Inn – Grant Applications	May 16, 2013 @ 1pm at the Holiday Inn – Grant Applications	June 20, 2013 @ 1pm at the Holiday Inn – Grant Applications	July 18, 2013 – 1pm Grant Applications
April 25, 2013 @ 10am, Holiday Inn, Board of Director meeting	May 23, 2013 @ 10 am at the Holiday Inn – Board of Director Meeting	June 27, 2013 @ 10am at the Holiday Inn – Board of Director meeting – last meeting of the fiscal year	July 25, 2013 - @ 10am Board of Director meeting