Meeting called to order by Helen at 8:05

People in attendance were: Lisa Popovich, Chris Dillenbeck, Chris Slota, Trent Kolste, Helen Beall, Shoshana Randall, Irene Avitia

Chris S approved minutes and Chris D seconded

Tyler gives a presentation on the building at 655 Yampa. The building will have two commercial spaces on the first floor and the other one and a half floors will have four residential spaces. There have been lots of proposals. Right now they have run into a roofing issue - the North side is different from the South side. The plate height is different from the max height, pitched roof vs flat roof. They need to figure out how to make the top floor work before they can move forward. Chris D. - Does it meet code? Yes. Lisa P. - are there any parking issues? There are 6 parking spaces but parking is not required for buildings on that side of Yampa. Chris S. says it’s good to have residential on that side of Yampa. Helen says building is good but easement and access to the river is important. Tyler says they worked hard to stay within code. Won’t be approved until summer. Chris S hopes they won’t eliminate all trees.

Downtown Plan - Tyler said they had a good morning turnout but not so much in the evening meeting. As of last Thursday, 201 people have filled out the online survey. They are hoping to get as much input as they can by May 11. Lisa P. will be sending Connor out to take surveys.

Tyler - the biggest concerns and wants are for preserving the character of Downtown, support for business, preserving views to Howelsen, parking, building heights. How do we find a balance between encouraging growth in the community but not making it like Aspen or Vail. Preserving our charm. Trent - at least we are communication by getting it out there. Chris S. - maybe a letter to the editor of paper about the survey. Helen - was there a press release? Tyler notes that we are a transit rich environment. Conversation ensues with everyone about housing and who will be able to afford to live Downtown.

Lisa P. introduces Connor. He is working on a lot of grants right now and also will be working on promoting activities for our aging community. Connor is our Americorp intern and we have submitted a grant to The Petis Foundation for funds to help with getting our forms translated into Spanish. Connor is working on the AARP grant which will help us buy benches and bike racks. Kelly wants to know why they are so expensive? They need to made of high end hardware which is supposed to last for 20 years. The city will maintain them and store them in the winter. Connor gave a little personal info and a little conversation took place.
Update on Oak St beautification- Has met with Ag Alliance and Extension office to help coordinate and pick what should go in the planters. Starting with three, good interest in it.

Lisa P.- sidewalk sales coming up and Down and Dirty Lot sale on June 2nd from 8-11 in the 8th St parking lot. Lisa P asks everyone their thoughts on a suggestion from Irene Nelson and everyone agrees that it is not a viable suggestion. No space, time and not fair to the businesses who pay rent.

Lisa P.- Litter campaign. Lisa P. is working on artwork. Slogan is going to be: “Be a pick up artist”. She found a fun picture of Kelly picking up trash that she wants to use and Kelly said Yes. Lisa P will make a presentation to the litter committee next week. Every other Thursday ambassadors will pick up litter. Kelly-what time? 7:00 at the office. Helen- Do you want community members? Yea and we will have breakfast after. Lisa P spoke with the new 24 hour ER staff and they want to join in picking up trash. They will be sponsoring the music at the Farmer’s Market and asked if we would help get the word out about them. Chris S.- The town does not have any cigarette disposal. There are no receptacles for cig butts and there are way too many. Chris S. said he is taking care of it for the bank. Lisa P. We will work on getting some receptacles. Trent- can’t have them in front of the stores because it is a fire hazard. Lisa P. says we will research.

May 19th – Routt County Clean Up day. She would like to have a Main Street presence. There will be food and prizes at Howelsen after. Can anyone donate anything for the prizes?

Chris S. – update on YVEA grant- Matt has sent out emails and gotten a few responses. Should have a proposal by the end of the week. Chris S will be following up.

Trent- when does market start? June 9th.

Helen- By laws have been reviewed and updated. Asked if we could have annual meeting in December before regular board meeting?

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00