

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE February 21, 2017	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
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TO: Mayor Benetti and City Councilors
FROM: Eric Day, Community Development Director
THROUGH: Rodger Craddock, City Manager
ISSUE: Urban Renewal Advisory Committee

SUMMARY:

The Urban Renewal Advisory Committee (URAC) was established by the City Council in March 2013 to serve in an advisory capacity to the Urban Renewal Agency (URA). The URAC meets infrequently, and there has been some difficulty in recruiting and retaining committee members.

ACTION REQUESTED:

As the URAC has only met sporadically since its inception and as there has been difficulty in recruiting and retaining committee members, staff recommends that the Council consider dissolving the committee.

BACKGROUND:

The Urban Renewal Advisory Committee (URAC) was established by the City Council on March 5, 2013 to serve in an advisory capacity to the Urban Renewal Agency (URA). As approved by the Council at the time of the URAC's inception, the membership of the committee was to include one member of the Planning Commission, one member of the Coos Bay Downtown Association, one member of the Empire Coalition, one member of the Eastside Neighborhood Committee, and three members shall be citizen-at-large positions. The scope of their responsibilities includes but is not limited to, review of the annual proposed budget, review and make recommendations on current and future projects, long range planning, propose plan amendments, and other matters as requested by the agency.

Over the last nearly four years the URAC has only met a handful of times, and there has been some difficulty in both attracting and retaining interested members of the community to fill the positions. Two of the committee positions are currently vacant.

Per the Council Rules, "All Council Committees...shall be reviewed at the end of a period three years from the date of initial creation...and at such time shall be either reauthorized or dissolved (Council Rules 3.2.1).

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

None.