

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
JOINT WORKSESSION OF THE CITY OF COOS BAY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
AND URBAN RENEWAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

October 20, 2015

The minutes of the proceedings of the joint meeting of the City of Coos Bay Urban Renewal Agency and Urban Renewal Advisory Committee, held at 5 p.m. in the Myrtlewood Room at the Library, 525 Anderson Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

Those Attending

Those present were Chair Jennifer Groth and Board Members Fred Brick, Mark Daily, Thomas Leahy, Crystal Shoji, and Mike Vaughan. Board Member Stephanie Kramer was absent. City staff present were City Manager Rodger Craddock, Finance Director Susanne Baker, Community Development Director Eric Day, Planning Administrator Tom Dixon, Public Works Director Jim Hossley, Library Director Sami Pierson, and Police Chief Gary McCullough.

Urban Renewal Advisory Committee: Hilary Baker, Drew Farmer, Scott Frasier, Joanne Moss, Deb Lal, and Andrew Locati. Board Member Jim Berg was absent.

Review and Discussion of the Coos Bay Downtown Urban Renewal Plan

Elaine Howard, urban renewal consultant, presented a video titled "Urban Renewal: Transforming Oregon Communities" as a resource of the impact of urban renewal projects around Oregon.

Ms. Howard reviewed the agenda which consisted of continued discussion on updating the downtown urban renewal plan goals and accomplishments of the plan; review of the goals and their relevance; and discussion of future projects.

Waterfront

Goal: Develop the city's waterfront to enhance its potential for recreation, tourism and other commercial activities while preserving its alternate role as a working waterfront which support the area's forest products and marine related economy.

Suggested Goal Change: (Create development incentives or Enhance) that support the city's waterfront as a working waterfront which supported the area forest products and marine related economy while enhancing its potential for recreation, tourism, and other commercial mixed use activities in order to generate a more vibrant water-oriented district.

Ideas: Marina, restaurant, area for locals - fishing, work with partners, ramps/moorage, float homes access, heritage, develop Eastside moorage, create incentives for outside investment, working waterfront, diversify, passenger rail service

The Downtown Core – The Pedestrian Mall

Goal: Revitalize the downtown core area by repair and change to, but not total elimination of, the pedestrian mall and by other activities which promote the effective utilization of this area for a wide variety of purposes while recognizing its changing role away from high traffic, consumer related activities.

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Suggested Goal Change: Revitalize the downtown core, including its historic heritage, that made it an economically healthy, attractive and unique environment for people to live, work, shop and socialize (recreate).

Ideas: Business – facilitation, educate; second floor development; regional cultural center; mixed use living; more two-way streets; Farmer’s Market – street issues; art/murals

Infrastructures

Goal: Improvement of streets, utilities, and other essential infrastructures in areas of the city within the district where they have deteriorated, are non-existent or where modifications are necessary to support and/or encourage the expansion of new commercial and industrial activity.

Suggested Goal Change: Improvement of streets, utilities, and other essential infrastructure in areas of the city within the district where they had deteriorated, were non-existent or where modifications were necessary to support and/or encourage the expansion of new development.

Ideas: Complete streets, two-way streets, bike lanes, action words on goals


Projects/Needs:

- Replace force main sewer lines north of pump station 1
- Install sewer mains to service properties north of Historical Museum
- New sewer pump station would be needed to support development north of Historical Museum
- New pump station(s) and upgrade to existing pump stations would be required to accommodate development of Port property north of Eastside boat ramp
- Storm water improvement projects in the downtown core, Lockhart Ave area, and area north of Historical Museum
- Traffic signal at Hwy 101 and Greenwood Ave
- Pedestrian access along east side of Highway 101

Dick Jamesgard discussed the Historical Rail Museum projects and desire to expand, funding pending. Ms. Howard through Eric Day would send out an email with the infrastructure projects; requested the committee review and finalize the goals. Mr. Rodger Craddock reconfirmed prioritization of projects should be based upon those which created taxable assessed value and increased the tax base.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Agency, Chair Groth adjourned the meeting with the next meeting scheduled for November 17, 2015.

Attest: 
Mike Vaughan, Secretary


Jennifer Groth, Chair