

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

March 15, 2016

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 Fire Department Meeting Room at the Coos Bay Fire Station, 450 Elrod, Coos Bay, Oregon.

Those Attending

Those present were Chair Jennifer Groth and Board Members Fred Brick, Mark Daily, Stephanie Kramer, Crystal Shoji, and Mike Vaughan. Councilor Thomas Leahy 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, Police Chief Gary McCullough, and Library Director Samantha Pierson.

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

Urban Renewal Chair Jennifer Groth opened the meeting and City Manager Rodger Craddock commenced discussion on the Downtown Urban Renewal Agency proposed projects list.

City Core/Downtown – Pedway

Eliminate the second option as Oregon Department of Transportation would not likely approve the change.

Discussion on the potential use of the Pedway, Prefontaine murals, and/or hometown heros murals.

City Core/Downtown – Streetscape

Public art

Landscape the parking lot and lighting in the parking lots west of the Hall Building and south of 7 Devils Brewery

Refinish existing decorative light fixtures

Provide more seating on Central with landscaping

Take Central back to two lanes to increase uniformity in downtown

2nd Court Alley

Repairing/Replacing the brick work on Central and extend green fencing and sidewalks north to city limits

Southbound 101 highway aesthetic improvements

Concern was expressed on the current condition of the existing infrastructure and adding projects which would increase the maintenance needs. City Manager Craddock discussed the stormwater projects through the DEQ wastewater loan as an option to address some of the qualifying concerns such as the dumpster enclosures. Discussion to address Central Avenue holistically rather than a patchwork approach such as with the existing conditions.

City Core/Downtown – Recreation and Open Space

Develop Lockhart site

Consider small dog park on the Lockhart site

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Pedestrian mall – Central Avenue

Board Member Mike Vaughan entered the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

City Core/Downtown – Building Improvements

American building
North Point building
Upper Floor redevelopment
Include McAuley Hospital into the district
Fletcher building
Add Old City Hall
Add Baxter
Add Bay Appliance
Add Koski

City Core/Downtown – Waterfront/Front Street

Waterfront walkway and connectivity
Public art projects
Re-evaluate Front Street master plan
Recreational water access for kayaks and paddleboards
Ecological projects to educate, enhance, preserve
Boardwalk development – kiosks, ramps, and docks
Replace visible chain link fence
Pilings and dock near Central Dock
Creation of small scale recreational docks in Eastside
Float homes

Discussion on the maintenance of the Boardwalk and connectivity to the museums and Front Street in one plan and vision. Replacing chain link fencing or creating a fencing grant program.

Infrastructure

101 Corridor
Eastside old airport area
Coos Historical Museum access
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
Overall waterfront area assessment for infrastructure

General Goals

Revise façade grant program to include non-façade projects
More proactive façade improvements for active businesses


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Discussion on the reason for the downtown vacant buildings and how to incentivize improvements.

The committee assigned priority dots to the projects listed. The list would be brought back to the Agency for the results. The project with the most dots was the Highway 101 corridor.

Attest:


Mike Vaughan, Secretary


Jennifer Groth, Chair