

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
OF THE CITY OF COOS BAY**

January 25, 2000

The minutes of the proceedings of a regular meeting of the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay immediately following the City Council meeting.

Those Present

Those present were Board Chair Joe Benetti, and Board Members Jeff McKeown, Cindi Miller, Don Spangler, Kevin Stufflebean, Joanne Verger, and Judy Weeks. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, and City Attorney Randall Tosh.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2000

Board Member Stufflebean moved to approve the minutes of January 4, 2000 as presented. Board Member Miller seconded the motion which passed with all members present voting aye.

Review and Approval of the Draft Request for Proposals for the 5th Street Plaza Project

City Manager Bill Grile reported \$175,000 had been budgeted for the project. The Agency requested to see the RFP before it would be sent out. Mr. Grile commented the amount available for the plaza is \$164,000 and is scheduled for completion by the end of June, 2000. He explained the project would likely not be completed by this date. Board Member Weeks inquired if the project could be completed in time for the Fun Festival in September and Mr. Grile responded it would depend on the proposal accepted.

Board Member Miller moved to approve the RFP as presented. Board Member Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with all members present voting aye. Board Member McKeown suggested including the Oregon Arts Commission in the process. Mr. Grile noted it could take longer for the arts commission. Julia Spangler, Coos Bay, asked if the Agency had a design in mind for the 5th Street Plaza and commented she would like to see something with a New Orleans flavor. Board Member McKeown suggested the RFP include suggestions for the design. Mr. Grile explained the RFP is a proposal to do the job and will select an architect who will come up with a design. Mr. Tosh suggested requesting slides of their work. Consensus of the Agency to include a request for a sketch design and slides in the RFP.

Report on the Statewide TEA-21 Grant Application

City Manager Bill Grile reported the downtown restroom project did not survive the round for funding. The Agency had sought a \$260,000 grant for the project from TEA-21 funds. Mr. Grile commented the project could be put on hold and submitted again for funding or the Agency could give direction to proceed with the project; however, with the museum project planned for the downtown area which will have restrooms, the Agency may want to put the project on hold.

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Consensus of the Agency to place the project on hold.

Boat in a Bottle

Board Member McKeown reported Mayor Verger and the City made national news with the boat in a bottle project. Board Member Verger commented it was the topic of discussion at a meeting she attended recently in Portland. She further commented that more thought needs to be given to the project design and placement of the boat. Mr. Grile reported contact with Stuart Woods and he indicated an estimated cost of \$200,000 plus. Stuart will put together a proposal as soon as possible to present to the Agency. Mr. Grile commented the boat should be located in an area that will get people to stop in the community. Board Member McKeown expressed concern about the concept. Mr. Grile commented the design should address maintenance and repair concerns.

Design Review Standards

The Agency discussed adopting design review standards for the urban renewal districts and directed the city manager to proceed to draft the review standards.

Executive Session

Board Member Weeks moved to go into executive session. Board Member Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with all members present voting aye. An executive session was held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1)(e) an Executive Session will be held for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel regarding real property transactions.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Benetti adjourned the Urban Renewal Agency meeting.

Joe Benetti, Chair
Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Coos Bay
Coos County, Oregon

ATTEST:

Don Spangler, Secretary
Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Coos Bay
Coos County, Oregon