

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

April 4, 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, City Attorney Randall Tosh, Community Services Director Bill Finney Finance Director Janell Howard, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, and Police Chief Chuck Knight.

Approval of the Minutes from February 15, 2000

Board Member Miller moved to approve the minutes as presented. Board Member Weeks seconded the motion which passed with all members present voting aye.

Presentation of Design Concept for 5th Street Plaza by Lon Samuels

Lon Samuels explained the design for the plaza would create a meeting place for citizens and for civic functions, and would also draw visitors into the downtown area. The design ties city hall and the downtown area together with the Historical Museum located at the east end of Central Avenue. The lighting and landscaping give a sense of place and the water fountain feature gives it something special. Mr. Samuels presented slides of variations on the water fountain and landscaping. He explained the importance of providing trees and vegetation to create an invitable place. The proposed design includes a windbreak along the northern side of the plaza, and a feature to address the city hall steps which are off-center to the plaza. The city hall gateway would dress up the area between city hall and the plaza and enhancement to the appearance of the stairway and parking area under the building. Mr. Samuels commented the plan is to put key features in the plaza and let it develop over time. Due to the cost of the project, it has been designed to be completed in phases under the direction of the Agency.

Board Member Weeks approved of the concept but expressed disappointment the ship in a bottle was not included in the plan. Mr. Samuels reported the size of the tug and the amount of space required for the ship in a bottle design was too large for the plaza. Mr. Finney noted the ship in a bottle design would require a space of 40' by 60' and the plaza is 60' wide. Board Member Spangler commented on the expense of the fountain and Mr. Grile noted there are undesignated funds available. Chair Benetti inquired about the maintenance of the fountain and Mr. Samuels reported an estimated two hours per week is required with a complete service once a year. The cost of the fountain is estimated at \$180,000; there was further discussion on downsizing the fountain or having it installed in the future. Board Member McKeown supported keeping the fountain and commented it would draw people to the area. Mr. Grile commented the design creates a gathering place in downtown and would be a showcase on the Oregon coast. Mr. Samuels explained the computer program and light features of the fountain. Consensus of the Board was in favor of the design.

Board Member Weeks moved to accept Phase I in the amount of \$284,500. Board Member Miller seconded the motion which passed with all members voting aye.

Award of Contract for Bayshore Streetscape Design Services

The request for proposals had been sent to six architectural and engineering firms on March 10, 2000. The proposal from McSwain and Woods, Architects and Planners, did not meet the full criteria of the RFP. Three responses were received: McSwain and Woods for \$8,500, Lon Samuels for \$17,595, and Dyer Partnership for \$42,310. City Manager Bill Grile reported staff's recommendation to award the contract to Lon Samuels, Architecture and Planning. Board Member Miller moved to award the contract to Lon Samuels in the amount of \$17,595. Board Member Weeks seconded the motion which passed with all members present voting aye.

Executive Session

Pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1)(e) an executive session was held for the purpose of discussing real property negotiations.

Approval of Purchase of Easement

Board Member Miller moved to approve the purchase the Beasley easement. Board Member Spangler seconded the motion which passed with all members present voting aye.

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