

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

June 6, 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 Cindi Miller, Don Spangler, Kevin Stufflebean, Joanne Verger, and Judy Weeks. Councilor Jeff McKeown was absent. City staff present were Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Randall Tosh, Community Services Director Bill Finney, Police Captain Eura Washburn, Deputy Fire Chief Mark Anderson.

Approval of the Minutes of the May 2 and May 16, 2000 Meetings

Board Member Stufflebean moved to approve the minutes of the May 2nd and May 16, 2000 meetings. Board Member Miller seconded the motion which passed with all members present voting aye.

Project Implementation Plan Proposal from Architect Lon Samuels

Architect Lon Samuels reported the Agency included the alternates in the Broadway Street Scape and the 84' x 24' Fifth Street Plaza fountain will contain three rows of water nozzles and will computerized. He commented the plans for the plaza is within budget and will contain a considerable amount of grass area and trees. Mr. Samuels reported the Bayshore Street Scape project takes in the area from Commercial Avenue to the Timber Inn corner.

Mr. Samuels explained an implementation plan would help to integrate current and future projects. One of the problems he has noticed with the City projects is the overlapping of projects and missed opportunities to plan ahead for the future and coordination with future projects. Mr. Samuels reviewed his proposed implementation plan which is attached. The plan would establish standard specifications, such as for lighting fixtures. Mr. Samuels recommended a review of previous plans and projects to coordinate and consolidate the information into an implementation plan.

Board Member Verger commented the plan has validity; however, when the City hires a consultant, they come with a level of expertise so the Agency/Council does not have to have the expertise. She also noted that Councils do change and a new Council may revise the plan. Mr. Samuels commented the plan would be a design theme. The City has an opportunity to plan with the Bayshore and Front Street intersection. There has been a study for the Front Street development and needs to be coordinated with the Bayshore Street Scape. Mr. Samuels noted an overall plan would be important for the future development and developing a scope of services.

Board Member Spangler commented adopting a specific plan would lock the city into a vision. Mr. Samuels reported there was a concern about constructing sidewalks in phase II of the Empire Street Scape without pavers and then pavers were included. Board Member Spangler commented that is why projects come before the Agency for review and approval; he noted the Agency does not need a plan for this. Mr. Samuels commented the implementation plan would help get the Agency's ideas and arrive at a design. Community Services Director Bill Finney commented there is some merit to having more specificity for projects and would it would be helpful for architects, engineers and staff.

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Board Member Weeks inquired if the Front Street Master Plan has implementation work. Mr. Finney said very little, its an idea, a vision. Mr. Samuels commented the plan would insure design continuity for projects that are done in phases. As an example, Mr. Samuels reported a recently paved parking lot will need to be trenched in order to install lighting. Chair Benetti inquired if this would be the case with Central Avenue and Mr. Samuels reported that some of the lights had not been set properly and electrical connections had not been stubbed out.

Chair Benetti commented parts of Mr. Samuel's plan could be a cost savings to the City and was in favor of sections one and three of the plan. Section two would be too specific and he would not commit future Councils. Board Member Spangler commented each architect will have a different idea and down the road the City could have a different architect. City Attorney Randall Tosh reported what Mr. Samuels is proposing is a new contract. Mr. Tosh recommended the Agency review the proposal in greater depth and make a decision at a later meeting. Board Member Stufflebean suggested staff review the proposal and bring a report back to the Agency. Consensus of the Agency to follow Board Member Stufflebean's recommendation.

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