

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

**July 18, 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, Kevin Stufflebean, Joanne Verger, and Judy Weeks. Don Spangler was out of town. City staff present were Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Randall Tosh, Community Services Director Bill Finney, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Library Director Carol Ventgen, and Police Chief Chuck Knight.

**Final Design Review of the Bayshore Drive  
Street Scape Project**

Lon Samuels reported the project location is from Park Avenue to Cedar Avenue along the east side of Bayshore and would include sidewalks, lights and landscaping. He noted the project would be the same design as the Broadway Street scape and included the Chevron property. Chair Benetti inquired if the project would be within budget and Mr. Samuels said yes. Board Member McKeown commented the utility poles are unsightly and suggested looking at undergrounding utilities. Mr. Samuels reported extra conduit is being installed so there are opportunities for future needs. Board Member Stufflebean commented when staff looked into undergrounding utilities for the Empire Streetscape project, it was very expensive. City Attorney Randall Tosh reported the 1988 plan estimated the cost at \$4.5 million because there are main lines in that part of Empire. Chair Benetti suggested staff look into undergrounding utilities. Board Member Weeks moved to approve the final drawings for the Bayshore Drive Street Scape project. Board member Miller seconded the motion which passed with all board members present voting aye.

**Railroad Association Presentation and Boat  
in a Bottle Site Alternative**

Community Services Director Bill Finney reported the property selected for the railroad depot and boat in a bottle is located at Bayshore Drive and Hall Street across from McDonalds and letters have been sent to the two property owners. A response has been received from Ron LaFranche indicating his property is no longer for sale and indicated he intends to build a mini-market and gas station on the property. John Kruse, President of the Railroad Association, reported it is the association's goal to establish a depot museum and supported the Agency in acquiring the property. Chair Benetti commented it is a good project and he would like to see the Agency move forward with the purchase. Board Member McKeown inquired if the Association has explored funding for their project and Mr. Kruse indicated they have applied for grant monies. Dick Jamsgard reported the funding from TEA-21 requires the project to be sited along the scenic byway.

He commented Coquille and Lakeside both have approached the Association about the project. Consensus of the Agency to support the train depot project.

**Executive Session**

Board Member Miller moved to go into executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1) (e) to discuss real property negotiations. Board Member Weeks seconded the motion which passed with all board members present voting aye.

The Agency reconvened into regular session.

**Adjournment**

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

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

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