

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

August 15, 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, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, and Police Chief Chuck Knight.

Approval of Minutes from the June 20, 2000 Meeting

Board Member Miller moved to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2000 meeting as presented. Board Member Weeks seconded the motion which passed with all board members present voting aye.

Approval of the Final Drawings for the Bayshore Streetscape

Architect Lon Samuels explained the RFP's three main elements were sidewalks, period lighting, and trees. The project is on target and within the budget, and is only being done on the east side of Bayshore Drive continuing in the same pattern as the Broadway streetscape project. Mr. Samuels suggested color spots around the trees and hanging baskets from the light poles. The baskets would cost approximately \$25 each and would be watered with drip irrigation. Board Member McKeown recommended color spots rather than hanging baskets due to windy conditions. Mr. Samuels commented it is important to address the maintenance issue of the street scape and explained the area begins at Park Avenue and goes to Fir Avenue. Mr. Samuels suggested grass be planted along Bayshore Drive. City Manager Bill Grile commented there are only four people in the Parks Department and they do a great job, but the City will be adding the 5th Street Plaza, and the Broadway and Bayshore street scapes. He further explained grass must be well taken care of otherwise it becomes an eyesore. Board Member Spangler suggested using non-profit groups or Fire Department personnel to do the work.

Board Member Miller moved to approve the final drawings for the Bayshore Streetscape. Board Member Weeks seconded the motion which passed with all Board Members present voting aye. Jack Schneiderman, Coos Bay, suggested expert advise be given on the type of trees to be planted along the street to avoid some of the problems the city has experienced with trees. Will Wright explained the way the trees will be planted to prevent the problems.

Approval of the Final Drawings for the Fifth Street Plaza

Will Wright explained the design aspects of the fountain and explained the nozzles would be computer sequences for random water patterns. Music and lights will be a part of the fountain and will be programable. Lighting at the back of the fountain is estimated at \$17,000 and to include lighting all of the fountain would be an additional \$14,000. City Manager Bill Grile commented \$317,360 would do the whole plaza project. Mr. Samuels commented the fountain has many facets; kids can play in it, and you can stay dry in the fountain. He explained there will be other lighting in the plaza. Board Member Spangler expressed concern about the cost of the plaza project and suggested the Agency decide what they really need in Coos

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Bay. Board Member McKeown commented the cost does seem high, however, the plaza will draw a number of people downtown.

Jack Schniederma, Coos Bay, did not agree with spending this amount of money on the plaza and commented the city had a fountain years ago and it was vandalized frequently. He said it was a disaster and he takes partial blame because he was on the City Council that approved the first fountain. Board Member Verger also expressed concern about the cost of the project but does like the idea of the fountain with lights. She suggested the plaza be done in phases. Mr. Samuels commented the original idea for the plaza was planters, lights and benches only. As a group, the Agency developed the current design. Mr. Samuels noted that one-third of the plaza will be in grass. Board Chair Benetti recommended going out to bid with the lighting as an alternate, and decide after the bids are received what the Agency would like to do. Board Member Spangler commented maintenance should also factor into the decision; in a previous report it was noted maintenance required one person one hour every week and a major overhaul once a year. Mr. Samuels commented there are some things that could be scaled back such as the size of the fountain, amount of conduit, drainage, and piping for future consideration.

Board Member Weeks moved to proceed with a request for bids for the basic design with the lighting as an alternate. Board Member Miller seconded the motion which passed with all Board 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