

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY**

November 6, 2001

The minutes of the proceedings of the regular meeting of the City of Coos Bay Urban Renewal Agency, Coos County, Oregon, immediately following the City Council meeting held at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

Those Attending

Those present were Chair Kevin Stufflebean and Board Members Joe Benetti, Anna Marie Larson, Jeff McKeown, Cindi Miller, Don Spangler and Judy Weeks. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Randall Tosh, Community Services Director Shanda Shribbs, Finance Director Janell Howard, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Library Director Carol Ventgen and Police Chief Chuck Knight.

Kevin and Anna Marie absent

Approval of the Minutes October 2, 2001

Week moved, Spangler second all aye

Review of Survey Results Regarding the Empire Façade Program

Cindi read into the record Chair Stufflebean's comments as attached

\$150,000 for a loan interest program for building façade improvements, one year program, see his report. Will leave funds to develop other properties in the empire area.

Bill said Shanda has done an excellent job of preparing the report, disappointed at the low response. Perhaps premature with the program, timing is everything. Jeff commented it could be partly a symptom of the economy, he would like a full council to make a decision. Keep the project, tabled, for future date. Cindi commented maybe the three who answered yes, it might have the affect of getting others enthused about the program. 57 surveys sent out, three yes.

Don commented get project underway, five responded interest. If begin the program, then others will join in. have had this vision for six years. disappointed in low response. Setting aside funds, approach the three who said they would participate. A lot of people are apprehensive when talking about easements. Is not wasted time and energy.

Judy commented – supports project, move forward on the project, if one does it, others will follow. Liked Kevin's idea of dedicating funds for a low interest program. Joe disappointed in results; sometimes must postpone or abandon projects. He said should postpone project and is not interested in moving forward. Only three yes, two only at ten percent participation. Would expect to participate at least 50 percent. Like loan program. Keep going at a later time. Two maybes no more than ten percent.

Jeff said just a review tonight. Don moved to postpone to a day certain when all board members are at the meeting Dec. 4, 2001. weeks second. All aye.

Gate way issue for the Dec. 4th.

Public Comments

Julia Spangler, Coos bay, support the façade program. Projects have taken a number of years to make the improvements, has spoken to citizens and they have become discouraged at the length of time. Property owners frightened about the easement on their property. How much money. Citizens concerned about the amount of money they would get to make the improvements. Suggest begin with one or two people and others will follow. When improve one part of the city, you improve all of the city. Wants to move forward.

Jeff asked if she has discussed with owners about the level of participation. Julia has to be something that enables them to participate that they can afford, if they had the money, the buildings wouldn't look the way they do. Give them a hand.

Don disappointed in the mayor for his position about participating 50 percent. Did have an awning program in downtown, it was successful. Businesses are struggling, need help. We have talked about getting rid of as many barriers as possible.

Joe disappointed in Spangler in misrepresenting, awning participating

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Agency Chair Stufflebean adjourned the meeting.

Kevin Stufflebean, Chair

ATTEST:

Anna Marie Larson, Secretary