

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

**February 6, 2001**

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 beginning at 7 p.m.

## **Those Present**

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

## **Additions to the Agenda**

Board Member Benetti requested discussion of the Empire gateway project be added to the agenda and Board Member Spangler requested a discussion on minor and substantial plan amendments be added to the agenda.

## **Authorization to Proceed with the Sportsman Building Demolition and Construction of Ped-Way**

Community Services Director Shanda Shribbs reported the Downtown Urban Renewal Plan was amended to allow purchase of the Sportsman property and now staff is requesting authorization to proceed with demolition of the building and construction of a pedway to create a plaza. Two design options have been prepared by a local architect and staff's recommendation is Option 1. The design allows for space to be available for events and includes trees, period lighting, some permanent benches and planter boxes.

Board Member Weeks moved to direct staff to proceed with relocation of dislocated businesses, and obtain bids for demolition of the Sportsman Building and construct a pedway using the Option 1 design. Board Member Spangler seconded the motion. Board Members Benetti and Larson declared conflicts of interest and stated their support for the project. The motion passed with Chair Stufflebean and Board Members McKeown, Spangler, and Weeks voting aye.

## **Review of the Empire Gateway**

Board Member Benetti reported the gateway project had been postponed at the January 16<sup>th</sup> Agency meeting and he is recommending the Agency reconsider placing monuments at the entrances of Empire. He further commented the cost of the monuments would be approximately half the amount an arch. Board Member Benetti recommended having the Design Review Board review the designs and placement of the monuments, and make a recommendation to the Agency. Chair Stufflebean commented keeping within the time frame of the Empire plan and keeping the gateway monuments on track is important to the community. Board Member Benetti moved to appoint the Design Review Board to review the designs for the gateway monuments and review the area for placement of the monuments. Board Member Weeks seconded the motion which passed with all members present voting aye.

**Review of Procedure for Plan Amendments**

City Attorney Tosh reported he has a draft memo explaining the process for making minor and major plan amendments and asked the Agency board members to review the memo before discussing. Chair Stufflebean suggested this matter be placed on the next meeting agenda.

**Public Comments**

Julia Spangler, Coos Bay, stated she was glad to see the gateway being addressed again and that it is important to the Empire area. Ms. Spangler commented the improvements to the Empire area have had a positive impact to the community.

**Executive Session – Pursuant with ORS 192.660 (1)(f) to Review Records that are Exempt from Public Disclosure and (e) for property acquisition**

Chair Stufflebean moved to go into executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1) (f) to review records that are exempt from public disclosure and (e) for discussion of property acquisition. Board Member Weeks seconded the motion which passed with all members present voting aye. Board Member Don Spangler stated for the record that he had not received the memos of August 1997 and January 2001 from the city attorney.

The Agency convened in regular session. Agency Chair Stufflebean moved to make the city attorney's August 1, 1997 memo public information. Board Member Weeks seconded the motion which passed with all members present voting aye.

**Adjournment**

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

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Kevin Stufflebean, Chair

ATTEST:

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Anna Marie Larson, Secretary