

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

October 16, 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 Anna Marie Larson, Jeff McKeown, Cindi Miller, Don Spangler and Judy Weeks. Board Member Joe Benetti was absent. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Randall Tosh, Community Services Director Shanda Shribbs, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Library Director Carol Ventgen and Police Chief Chuck Knight.

Approval of the Minutes from July 31, August 7, September 4 and September 18, 2001

Board Member Weeks moved to approve the minutes from the July 31st, August, 7th, September 4th and September 18th, 2001 meetings. Board Member Miller seconded the motion which passed with all board members present voting aye.

Adoption of Resolution 01-08 Declaring a Necessity of Acquiring Certain Real Property – the 100 Block of C, Empire Blvd.

Chair Stufflebean explained the Agency had previously approved purchasing the property and the resolution formalizes the action. Board Member Weeks moved to adopt Resolution 01-08 declaring a necessity of acquiring certain real property. Board Member Spangler seconded the motion. Board Member Larson stated she could not support purchasing more property. Board Member McKeown commented he has heard a number of comments about the Agency purchasing too much property and he also did not support the purchase.

Chair Stufflebean commented he has also received comments about property purchases but people seem more satisfied when told it is the urban renewal agency making the purchases in order to clean up the area. Board Member McKeown asked the board if the property is purchased, would the Agency be receptive to selling it to a business. Chair Stufflebean said he would be agreeable to selling the property as it would generate revenue to maintain improvements. Board Member McKeown stated he would support the purchase if the parcel would make the adjacent property more marketable. Board Member Miller commented the parcels fall into the urban renewal plan and suggested they remember what direction the Agency is heading by reviewing the urban renewal plan. Board Member Weeks also supported the purchase. Board Member Spangler suggested planning what would be the best use of the property, and commented urban renewal is about revitalization of an area.

The question was called and the motion passed with Chair Stufflebean and Board Members Benetti, McKeown, Miller, Spangler and Weeks voting aye; Board Member Larson voting no.

Sportsman Pedway – Common Wall Improvements

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Board Member Miller moved to add the Sportsman pedway to the agenda. Board Member Weeks seconded the motion which passed with Chair Stufflebean and all board members present voting aye. City Manager Bill Grile reported direction was needed on how to proceed with improvements to the common wall. Mr. Glen Olson, the owner of the building on the south end of the Sportsman pedway, owns half of the wall and difficulties have continued with getting the necessary cooperation from Mr. Olson to proceed with repairs. Mr. Grile explained the wall has structural problems and the City has offered to help Mr. Olson with funding. City Attorney Randall Tosh reported this is a complicated issue and Mr. Olson has continued to deny the wall is a common wall even though there is documentation to the contrary. The City has worked with Mr. Olson for several weeks with no progress. Mr. Tosh commented the City must notify Mr. Olson of any improvements they will be making. Board Member Miller moved to direct the city attorney to send a letter to Mr. Olson and staff to proceed with the project. Board Member Weeks seconded the motion which passed with Chair Stufflebean and all board members present voting aye.

Other Business

Chair Stufflebean distributed copies of the Empire monument designs to the board and reported the designs are now on the City's web site. The site also allows citizens to vote on the designs. He commented the item will be on the November 20th agenda for discussion.

Public Comments

There were no public comments

Adjourn

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

Kevin Stufflebean, Chair

ATTEST:

Anna Marie Larson, Secretary