

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

August 1, 2006

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

Those Attending

Those present were Board Members Joe Benetti, Jon Eck, Roger Gould, Jeff McKeown, and John Muenchrath. Board Members Cindi Miller and Kevin Stufflebean were absent. Staff present were City Manager Scott McClure, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, Finance Director Janell Howard, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Library Director Carol Ventgen, and Police Chief Eura Washburn.

Approval of the July 18, 2006 Minutes

Board Member McKeown moved to approve the minutes of July 18, 2006 as presented. Board Member Eck seconded the motion which passed with all members present voting aye.

Approval of Amendment to the SCDC Agreement

City Manager Scott McClure reported the Agency recently approved a marketing agreement with South Coast Development Council and as submitted by SCDC, the agreement provided payment would be rendered after completion of services. Board Member McKeown commented the perception was the Agency was acquiring services to market and develop property, and he supported approving the amendment. Board Member Muenchrath inquired if the property owners were interested in selling. Ron Opitz reported he was not at liberty to talk about the status of negotiations, but could comment his office was working very hard with 17 property owners and offers have been made, however, nothing had been decided or accepted. Board Member Benetti reported SCDC had been in contact with all property owners and with a developer. Board Member Muenchrath commented the amendment represents his understanding at the time of discussion. He further commented taxpayer dollars should not be used to facilitate private parties and he was basically opposed to the agreement. Board Member Gould moved to approve the amendment to the SCDC agreement and Board Member Eck seconded the motion which passed with all members present voting aye.

Consideration of Partnering on the Mural Painting Project

City Manager Scott McClure reported a request had been received from Scott Terhar, owner of BNT, for funding for a mural on his downtown building. Board Member Benetti commented a façade program funded with urban renewal dollars would encourage owners to fix up their buildings and supported funding the mural. Board Member Muenchrath inquired if this was an allowable use of urban renewal funds and City Attorney Nate McClintock commented the program was not currently in the plan, but could be added with a minor amendment. Consensus of the Agency Board was to direct staff to look into implementing a façade program in the Downtown and Empire Urban Renewal Districts. Board Member McKeown suggested looking into improvements for the pedway as well.

Public Comments

No comments were given.

Executive Session

An Executive Session was held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (e) for the purpose of discussing real property negotiations.

The Agency reconvened into regular session. Board Member Eck commented the Agency should involve the public in the decision of location for the fire station. Board Member Benetti suggested scheduling public hearings for input. Consensus of the Agency was to proceed with soil samples on the 4th Street site and authorize use of Urban Renewal funds for the work.

Adjourn

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

Kevin Stufflebean, Chair

Attest:

John Muenchrath, Secretary