

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

June 5, 2007

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 Chair Jon Eck and Board Members Michele Burnette, Mark Daily, Roger Gould, and Stephanie Kramer. Board Members Jeff McKeown and John Muenchrath were absent. Staff present were Interim City Manager Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Acting Deputy Recorder Jackie Mickelson, Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley, Finance Director Janell Howard, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Library Director Carol Ventgen, and Police Chief Eura Washburn.

Approval of the Minutes of May 15, 2007

Board Member Burnette moved to approve the minutes of May 15, 2007 as presented. Board Member Kramer seconded the motion which passed with Chair Eck and all Board Members present voting aye.

Public Hearing on the Adoption of the Approved Budget for Fiscal Year 2007/08-Adoption of the Budget Will Require Adoption of Resolution URA 07-01 Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2007/08 and Making Appropriations and Levying Ad Valorem Taxes

Chair Eck opened the public hearing. There being no comments, Chair Eck closed the Public Hearing. Board Member Gould moved to adopt Resolution URA 07-01 adopting the budget for fiscal year 2007/08 and making appropriations and levying ad valorem taxes. Board Member Burnette seconded the motion which passed with Chair Eck and all Board Members present voting aye.

Consideration of the Plan for Improvements to the Downtown "Pedway"

Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley reported the pedway plaza area was in place of a building once formerly known as the Sportsman Club. Mr. Hossley reported the building was purchased by the City in November 2000 and demolished. Mr. Hossley demonstrated possible additions for the area such as picnic tables with benches, flowers and small plants, banners, waste receptacles, benches, and murals or art projects. Mr. Hossley reported the estimated cost would be approximately \$5,000 without artwork, and explained the cost for the cement picnic tables would be approximately \$1,000 each with the rest of the cost being labor and benches. Mr. Hossley commented the Agency was considering naming the pedway and reported he had one written request by the Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association to name the area "The Egyptian Theatre Plaza".

Anna Marie Larson, Coos Bay, commented she would like to name the area "Broadway Plaza". Ms. Larson commented she agreed with the suggested improvements for the area and would like a mural added that identified with the historical downtown.

Mike Vaughn, Coos Bay, expressed his concern for the suggested changes for the pedway plaza area because he doesn't believe it would be utilized and suggested the Agency considering different design ideas to encourage activities. The Agency discussed tabling the pedway improvements for further consideration and to be discussed in the goal setting meeting.

Joannie Johnson, Coos Bay, commented she was the owner of Sincerely Yours Antique Mall across from the pedway plaza and reported she sees people using the area frequently. Ms. Johnson commented she liked the idea of the picnic tables and benches for the area, and reported the Downtown Association has ideas for the area to help promote the downtown area.

Geno Landrum, Coos County, commented he would like to see the area named the Egyptian Theatre Plaza because it was a geographic location and would be helpful in finding the area. Mr. Landrum suggested a wall of fame mural be added to the pedway plaza area, and suggested restrooms to be available in the downtown area.

Review Proposed Changes to the Façade Program

It was a consensus by the Agency to table the review of the proposed changes to the façade program until June 19, 2007.

Public Comments

Anna Marie Larson, Coos Bay, expressed her concern for Mike Vaughn's comments about the improvements of the pedway plaza. Joannie Johnson, Coos Bay, commented occasionally there were homeless people in the pedway area and in the downtown area. Ms. Johnson requested the City consider an ordinance prohibiting panhandling and consider addressing the homeless problem in Coos Bay.

Executive Session

It was a consensus by the Agency to table the executive session until June 19, 2007.

Adjourn

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

Jon Eck, Chair

Attest:

Mark Daily, Secretary