

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

August 19, 1997

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 at 7 p.m.

Those Present

Those present were Board Chair Joe Benetti, and Board Members Don Spangler, Kevin Stufflebean, and Joanne Verger. Board Members Jeff McKeown, Cindi Miller, and Judy Weeks were absent. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Randall Tosh, Community Services Director Bruce Meithof, Police Chief Marc Adams, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Accounting Operations Supervisor Mary Beth Holst, Library Director Carol Ventgen, and Assistant Library Director Michele Caldwell. Members of the media were also present.

Approval of the Minutes of August 4, 1997

Board Member Verger moved to approve the minutes as presented. Board Member Spangler seconded the motion which carried with all Board Members present voting aye.

Recommendation Concerning the Coos Bay Library Expansion Project

City Manager Grile reviewed the proposal for expanding the library. He noted the expansion would be from a different financial approach and scaled down from 22,000 square feet to approximately 10,000 square feet. The proposal has the project being completed in two to three years for an estimated cost of \$1.5 million. Mr. Grile commented this project would not jeopardize other urban renewal projects with the exception of the Front and Ingersoll project. He reported a resolution has been prepared if the Agency would like to refer the project to the citizens for an advisory vote in November.

Mr. Grile noted actual expenses paid on the project to date are \$11,928 for architectural fees and \$24,935 for working drawings. Rich Turi, project architect, has advised that much of this work will carry on into the new project. Board Member Verger commented consideration will be given to the objections voiced from the last time; in that the building expansion would be within the block in now occupies, the other two lots would be used for parking, and Bennett Street would remain open. Board Member Stufflebean asked how many years 10,000 square feet would accommodate the library's needs. Board Member Verger said the original expansion was for 20 years; however, library usage is growing at a rapid pace. Board Member Spangler commented the new plan eliminates the conference rooms and the 10,000 square feet would be used totally for library space; therefore, the expansion should last a considerable time.

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Adoption of Resolution URA 97-6 Requesting the City of Coos Bay to Submit an Advisory Question to the Voters of the City of Coos Bay

Board Member Spangler commented it would be wise to not lock in the project cost at \$1.5 million due to inflation during the construction of the expansion. Board Member Spangler moved to adopt Resolution URA 97-6 requesting the City to submit an advisory question to the voters of the City of Coos Bay asking to expand the library by 10,000 square feet for an approximate cost of \$1.5 million. Board Member Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with all Board Members present voting aye.

Adjournment

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

Joe Benetti
Chair of the Urban Renewal District
of the City of Coos Bay
Coos County, Oregon

ATTEST: _____
Don Spangler
Secretary of the Urban Renewal Agency
of the City of Coos Bay
Coos County, Oregon