

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

**August 20, 1998**

The minutes of the proceedings of a regular meeting of the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, held on August 20, 1998 at 7 p.m. in the Manager's Conference Room at City Hall, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

## **Those Present**

Those present were Board Chair Joe Benetti, and Board Members Cindi Miller, Don Spangler, Kevin Stufflebean, Joanne Verger, and Judy Weeks. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Randall Tosh, and Community Services Director Bill Finney.

## **Approval of the Minutes of July 8, 1998**

Board Member Weeks moved to approve the minutes as presented. Board Member Spangler seconded the motion which passed with all members present voting aye.

## **Request for Extensions of the Awning Program from Flora Lee Lockhart and Glen Olson**

City Manager Bill Grile reported staff recommendation is to grant an extension of the program for both requests to November 1, 1998. After further discussion of the amount of time needed to complete the awning projects it was suggested the date be changed to December 1<sup>st</sup>. Chair Benetti clarified the extension would be only for the Lockhart and Glen Olson properties. Board Member Spangler moved to grant the extensions to December 1, 1998. Board Member Weeks seconded the motion which passed with all member present voting aye.

Flora Lee Lockhart distributed pictures and a drawing of the proposed awning to the Board, and thanked the Board for approving the extension.

## **Consideration of Urban Renewal Agency/Grant for Bike Path Project and Adoption of Resolution URA 98-6**

Community Services Director Bill Finney reported there is not pedestrian access along the right side of south bound traffic next to the Timber Inn, and reviewed funding possibilities from the state and estimated cost of the project. Mr. Finney explained application for the grant must be done by September 5<sup>th</sup> and requires matching funds from the Agency. Board Member Spangler asked if staff had applied for Scenic Byway funds and Mr. Finney replied an application was not done because of the short notice of two days. Board Member Spangler reviewed federal funding availability and requirements for next year and encouraged staff to apply for funds. Board Member Verger asked the Front Street Development project would qualify for these funds. Board Member Spangler said projects must be in the right-of-way of Highway 101 and also 10 percent of the funds must be used for enhancement. City Attorney Randall Tosh asked if both the City and the Urban Renewal Agency can apply and Board Member Spangler replied possibly although he had not specifically inquired about it. Board Member Verger commented on the value of having elected officials serve on statewide committees to keep the City informed of plans and funding. Chair Benetti commented that a few years ago Mike Vaughan had presented a plan for developing a path in this location and perhaps staff should contact Mr. Vaughan.

City Manager Grile explained the resolution was necessary to amend the plan to include the bike path project. Stuart Woods commented one of the considerations in the Front Street Development is to take the

hump out of the highway and tie in with Cedar Avenue. Mr. Grile suggested moving ahead with the grant application and explained the Agency does not have to accept the grant if offered. Chair Benetti asked if the grant would end up requiring the city to put a bike path all the way through town which would take out a considerable number of parking spaces. Mr. Grile commented this could be avoided by making the Kittleson work a part of the City's comprehensive plan. Board Member Spangler cautioned staff there are a number of new rules as to what can and cannot be constructed, and reviewed the requirements of the scenic byway plan. City Attorney Tosh suggested routing the path through the Front Street Development and then connecting with Highway 101. Mr. Finney commented funds are available and the time frame to apply is very short with the time frame for accepting very long.

Board Member Stufflebean moved to adopt Resolution URA 98-6 making a minor plan amendment to the 1988 City of Coos Bay Urban Renewal Plan, adding a bike path along Highway 101 in the northerly portion of the Downtown Urban Renewal District as a project in the plan. Board Member Weeks seconded the motion which passed with all members present voting aye. Board Member Weeks moved to authorize staff to submit a grant application to the Oregon Department of Transportation for bike path development and approve the use of \$57,080 or Urban Renewal Agency funds in conjunction with ODOT grant monies. Board Member Miller seconded the motion which passed with all members present voting aye.

#### **Update on the Front Street Development Project by Stuart Woods**

Stuart Woods, project architect, distributed a draft copy of the plan and reviewed chapter 3 regarding design concepts and chapter 9 on implementing the plan. There was further discussion on creation of a parking district and timing of implementing portions of the plan, and the environmental cleanup. The Board discussed the importance of meeting with the Community Solutions Committee and Mr. Grile said he would arrange the meetings. Mr. Grile commented on the need for public input on the proposed standards and suggested Mr. Woods and Ms. Shoji contact the property owners, and arrange to have the management team meet with the property owners.

#### **Real Property Acquisitions Report**

City Manager Bill Grile said the report was previously requested by the Board and did not require action. Board Member Weeks inquired about the status on the Empire streetscape project. Board Member Spangler reported a problem had occurred when the plan was submitted to ODOT the island at the Y was not included even though the Board was specific that the island be included in the plan. City Manager Grile said he would look into the matter.

#### **Executive Session**

Board Member Miller moved to go into executive session; Board Member Weeks seconded the motion which passed with an unanimous vote. The Board met in executive session will be held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1) (e) for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel concerning negotiation of real property transactions.

The Board reconvened into regular meeting.

#### **Adjournment**

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

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

ATTEST:

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Don Spangler, Secretary  
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