

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

April 20, 1999

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 of City Hall, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay immediately following the City Council meeting.

Those Present

Those present were Board Chair Joe Benetti and Board Members Jeff McKeown, Cindi Miller, Don Spangler, Kevin Stufflebean, and Judy Weeks. Board Member Joanne Verger was out of town on League of Oregon Cities business. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Randall Tosh, Community Services Director Bill Finney, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Library Director Carol Ventgen, and Police Chief Chuck Knight.

Approval of the Minutes of the April 6, 1999 Agency Meeting

Board Member Miller moved to approve the minutes of April 6, 1999 as presented. Board Member Weeks seconded the motion which passed with all Board members present voting aye.

Adoption of Resolution 99-2 Providing for Payment of Administrative Services Costs to the City of Coos Bay

City Manager Bill Grile explained Resolution 99-2 provides for \$50,000 be paid to the City annually to cover the administrative costs in developing certain urban renewal projects. Board Member Miller moved to adopt Resolution 99-2 providing for payment of administrative services costs to the City of Coos Bay. Board Member Weeks seconded the motion which passed with all Board members present voting aye.

**Consideration of Leave of Absence Request for Design Review
Board Member Robert MacFarlane**

Chair Benetti reported Robert MacFarlane has requested the Agency grant him a leave of absence due to health concerns. Board Member Stufflebean moved to grant a six month leave of absence as requested by Mr. MacFarlane. Board Member Miller seconded the motion which passed with all board members present voting aye.

Discussion of Location of the Empire Gateway Monument

City Manager Bill Grile reported the State police and Coos Bay police agree the striping does not allow traffic to cross, however, ODOT reasons differently and their opinion prevails. Mr. Grile commented staff consensus is to stay in total or remove in total. There is a danger in turning whether there is an island or not. Mr. Grile expressed the importance of moving forward with the gateway and perhaps there should be dialog of placing the gateway in another location. Board Member Miller asked if the location at the Y was dangerous before the island was built. Board

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Member Stufflebean responded that it was. Chair Benetti commented the area had been used for a left turn for some time and has always been dangerous and with the island, left turns would cause a greater traffic problem. He suggested looking into installing a turn lane and Board Member McKeown agreed. Board Member Spangler commented ODOT approved the plan and if the island must be removed, ODOT should be asked to reimburse the City. Chair Benetti commented some of the fault is with the architect and ODOT, and expressed the importance of doing something to help Coos Bay Marine.

Jim Crooker, Coos Bay, reported making this left turn himself and it is dangerous when pulling a boat even without the island. He suggested turning on Schoneman and coming in the back way. Mr. Crooker supported installing the gateway at the Y.

Julia Spangler, Empire Business Association, reported polling businesses in the area on where to locate the gateway and there is solid support for the Y location. Ms. Spangler suggested the Design Review Board review the gateway design and location again. She commented the process has been going on since 1995 and numerous public meetings were held.

Harry Andrews, Coos Bay Marine, reported using the turn for 14 years and there have been no accidents during that time involving a boat. The island has adversely affected their business and the option of turning on Schoneman does not work for a motor home pulling a boat.

Van Messner, Coos Bay Marine, commented he has been in this business for 29 years and noted that being in this location for 14 years they know what the traffic is like. He requested the City help make the left turn possible into their business.

Chair Benetti moved to direct staff to proceed in removing the island at the Y. Board Member McKeown seconded the motion which passed with Chair Benetti and Board Members McKeown, Miller, and Weeks voting aye. Board Members Spangler and Stufflebean voted no.

Adjournment

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

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

ATTEST:

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