

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY**

**July 1, 2008**

The minutes of the proceedings of regular meeting of the City of Coos Bay Urban Renewal Agency, held at 7:46 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, County, Oregon.

**Those Attending**

Those present were Chair Jon Eck and Board Members Michele Burnette, Mark Daily, Stephanie Kramer, Jeff McKeown, Gene Melton and John Muenchrath.

City Staff present were City Manager Chuck Freeman, City Attorney Nate McClintock, City Clerk Vicki English, Police Chief Rodger Craddock, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Finance Director Janell Howard, Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley, Assistant City Manager Joyce Jansen, Library director Carol Ventgen.

**Approval of the Minutes of June 17, 2008**

Board Member Burnette moved to approve the minutes of June 17, 2008 as presented. Board Member Daily seconded the motion which passed with Chair Eck and Board Members Burnette, Daily, Kramer, McKeown, Melton and Muenchrath voting aye.

**Approval to Submit a Letter Of Intent to Oregon Main Street to Participate in the Exploring Downtown Program**

Joyce Jansen, Assistant City Manager, introduced Gary Van Huffel, Oregon Main Street Coordinator for the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department. Mr. Van Huffel gave an overview of the Oregon Main Street program which includes their four point approach to downtown commercial district revitalization, the level of assistance for the specific needs of the community, the benefits of the Oregon Main Street approach and the direct benefits to the local government. Board Member McKeown moved to authorize staff to write a Letter of Intent to participate at the Exploring Downtown level to be submitted to Oregon Main Street Program. Board Member Daily seconded the motion which passed with Chair Eck and Board Members Burnette, Daily, Kramer, McKeown, and Melton voting aye.

**Discussion on the Pedway Plaza**

Board Member McKeown stated that he would like to move forward with developing a plan for the Pedway and suggested to direct staff to take a look at this project and get some professional design consultants involved. Board Member McKeown said that he would like to see the Steve Prefontain Memorial moved to the Pedway. Board Member Kramer thought moving the memorial was a good idea. It was the consensus of the Board Members to direct staff to move forward with a plan for the Pedway.

**Public Comments**

Geno Landrum of Coos Bay said he had visitors in his wine shop from New York City that came to Coos Bay specifically to visit the Steve Prefontaine Memorial and stated that the Pedway would be a good place for the memorial. Mr. Landrum also stated that he was concerned that there may be the potential of control with the Oregon Main Street Program.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Agency, Chair Eck adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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Jon Eck, Chair

Attest:

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Janell Howard, Recorder