

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

January 6, 2009

The minutes of the proceedings 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 Gene Melton and Board Members Mark Daily, Jon Eck, Joanie Johnson, Stephanie Kramer, and Jeff McKeown. Board Member John Pundt was absent. Staff present were City Manager Chuck Freeman, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Deputy Finance Director Susanne Baker, Economic and Community Development Manager Joyce Jansen, Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley, City Engineer Carl Nolte, Finance Director Rae Lea Cousens, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Library Director Carol Ventgen, and Police Chief Rodger Craddock.

Approval of the Minutes of December 2, 2008

Board Member Kramer moved to approve the minutes of December 2, 2008 as presented. Board Member Johnson seconded the motion which passed with Chair Melton and Board Members Daily, Eck, Johnson, Kramer, and McKeown voting aye. Board Member Pundt was absent.

Update on the Visitor Information Center Design

Hilary Baker, Crow/Clay and Associates, provided an update on the design of the Visitor's Center project. Additions to the plan include enlarging the conference room, addition of a restroom for volunteers, and increasing the footprint to accommodate code requirements for exiting and the mechanical room. The costs are preliminary with a geotech report yet to be completed and interior finishes decided. The estimate for the heavy timber, piling, number of restrooms, brick, engineered wood floors, and glass store front are current bid prices. A new floor plan will be presented at the January 20th Urban Renewal meeting for approval. Direction was to not reduce the budget or square footage and provide an option where the pavilion has more prominence.

Board Member Daily stated this structure will be an attraction for our community. Board Member McKeown stated there is flexibility in the Urban Renewal fund to allow for this civic project. Board Member Johnson stated this will encourage businesses to join the downtown retail district.

Public Comments

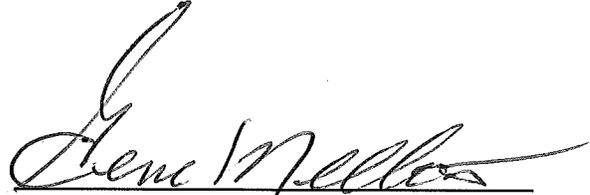
Steve Pickering, 2170 N 28th Street, Coos Bay: Questioned the new Visitor's Center parking and number of restrooms.

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Katherine Hoppe, Coos Bay – North Bend Convention Bureau: Stated the entrance to the small parking should be changed/eliminated to prevent large vehicles from entering and not being able to exit. Stated the three Visitor Centers work together to promote the entire Bay Area.

Adjourn

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


Gene Melton, Chair

Attest: 
Mark Daily, Secretary