

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

**January 20, 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, Jeff McKeown, and John Pundt. 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 January 6, 2009**

Board Member Eck moved to approve the minutes of January 6, 2009 as presented. Board Member Kramer seconded the motion which passed with Chair Melton and Board Members Daily, Eck, Johnson, Kramer, McKeown, and Pundt voting aye.

**Presentation on the Visitor Information Center Design**

Hilary Baker, Crow/Clay and Associates, provided an update of the newest design of the Visitor's Center project as directed by the Agency at the January 6, 2009 meeting to give the pavilion entrances more prominence. Ms. Baker provided a new floor plan which depicted the entrances on the north and south of the west wing of the glass visitor center pavilion with the administrative wings located to the east of the pavilion. The parking lot is located to the north of the facility with the elimination of the small parking lot. Ms. Baker provided slides of the Roseburg Visitors Center as an example of an interior floor plan showcasing area businesses and local features. Discussion included the historic 1920's architectural details on Central Avenue and the tie-in with the existing boardwalk architectural style. Ms. Baker stated the truss design will be continued from the boardwalk and the detail from the brick on the buildings on Central Avenue will tie-in to blend and compliment the old and the new. Ms. Baker will provide an interim design development presentation in a few weeks in order to maintain the construction timeline. Board Member McKeown moved to approve the revised January 20, 2009 design subject to some nominal exterior modifications of the façade. 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 voted nay.

**Public Comments**

Steve Pickering, 2170 N 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Coos Bay: He would like to see the Visitors Center building reflect a newer style.

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Brian Bowers, 912 Elrod Ave, Coos Bay: Representing the Coos Bay Downtown Association stated: they support the public restrooms and renovation of the current facility; they believe the new facility is too large and will negatively impact small businesses during construction.

Pam Miller, 9334 Easy Creek Lane, Coos Bay: Chairman of the Blackberry Arts Festival representing the Coos Bay Downtown Association requested information as to the availability of vendor spaces during construction of the new facility.

**Adjourn**

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

  
Gene Melton, Chair

Attest:

  
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Mark Daily, Secretary