

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

**November 6, 2001**

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

### **Those Attending**

Those present were Vice-Chair Cindi Miller and Board Members Joe Benetti, Jeff McKeown, Don Spangler and Judy Weeks. Chair Kevin Stufflebean and Board Member Anna Marie Larson were absent. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Randall Tosh, Community Services Director Shanda Shribbs, Finance Director Janell Howard, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Library Director Carol Ventgen and Police Chief Chuck Knight.

### **Approval of the Minutes October 2, 2001**

Board Member Weeks moved to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2001 meeting. Board Member Spangler seconded the motion which passed with all board members present voting aye.

### **Review of Survey Results Regarding the Empire Façade Program**

Vice-Chair Miller read into the record Chair Stufflebean's written comments regarding the Empire facade program which is attached as thereby made a part of the record. City Manager Bill Grile commented Ms. Shribbs has done an excellent job of preparing the report, however he is disappointed at the low response. Board Member McKeown commented it could be partly a symptom of the economy and he would like all board members present to make a decision on the program. Chair Miller opinioned that perhaps if the three who responded yes on the survey moved forward with the improvements, it might have the effect of getting others enthused about the program. Mr. Grile noted 57 surveys were mailed out and three responded they would be willing to participate in the facade program.

Board Member Spangler supported proceeding with the program, even though the response was low. He suggested setting the funding aside and approach the three who expressed a desire to participate. Board Member Weeks also supported moving forward with the program and also supported Chair Stufflebean's suggestion for a low interest loan program. Board Member Benetti commented there are times that projects must be postponed or abandoned, and he expressed disappointment in the low survey results. He supports the program, but would like to see at least 50 percent participation. Board Member Spangler moved to postpone the matter and place the item on the December 4<sup>th</sup> agenda. Board Member Weeks seconded the motion which passed with all board members present voting aye.

### **Public Comments**

Julia Spangler, Coos Bay, expressed support of the façade program and commented it has taken a number of years to make improvements in the Empire area. She reported she has spoken to citizens and they have become discouraged at the length of time the improvements have taken. Ms. Spangler further commented property owners are frightened about the easement on their property and concerned about the amount of

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money they would get to make the improvements. She suggested that beginning with one or two people, others would follow. When you improve one part of the city, you improve all of the city.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Agency Vice-Chair Miller adjourned the meeting.

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Cindi Miller, Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

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Anna Marie Larson, Secretary