

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

April 1, 2008

The minutes of the proceedings of regular meeting of the City of Coos Bay Urban Renewal Agency, held at 9:06 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Coos 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, Chief of Police Rodger Craddock, Finance Director Janell Howard, Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley and Library Director Carol Ventgen.

Approval of the minutes of March 18, 2008

Board Member Burnette moved to approve the minutes of March 18, 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.

Presentation of the Hollering Place Master Plan Proposal by Crow/Clay and Associates

Hilary Baker, Design Associate, representing Crow/Clay & Associates presented their proposal on the Hollering Place Project. Ms. Baker gave a brief description of their master planning process along with an illustrated concept of how the developed site might look in the future. Ms. Baker introduced the consultant team that will be working with Crow/Clay on this project. The consultants that were present gave a brief description of their experience and area of expertise. Those consultants present were David Dougherty of Dougherty Landscape Architecture, Mike Erickson of Dyer Partnership, Crystal Shoji of Shoji Planning and Development, and Bob Sasanoff, Chair of the Coos Bay Historic Design Review Committee. The consultants that were not present were Leland Consulting Group and JRH Traffic Engineer. Ms. Baker reviewed the goals and objectives required by the Request for Proposal (RFP). Some of the suggestions that were presented in the proposal were bus transportation and water taxis, bike and hiking trails, glass etching of historic features and the goal to link the whole area. Ms. Baker stated that current parking restrictions could limit development. However, incorporating public transportation or modifying some parking restrictions might facilitate development. Other design goals were to set the buildings on pilings and have wind shelters. Ms. Baker concluded her presentation by stating that prior to proceeding with a detailed master plan they would need to meet with the Agency and the community to identify their goals and objectives for the site, test market conditions, and establish viable building uses. Ms. Baker said by breaking the master planning process into stages you can establish each sequential stage as being viable to limit the Agency's investment and fees. Chair Eck thanked Ms. Baker for her presentation. Mike Crow added that Mr. Leland of Leland Consultants would be available to come down and answer questions that the Agency may have. City Manager Freeman will contact Ms. Baker to set up a date to have Leland Consultants come to a future Agency meeting.

Public Comments

Steve Skinner with the Concerned Citizens of Empire thanked the Agency for moving forward with the Hollering Place Project.

Tom Grieves stated that he is glad to see the Hollering Place Project in process.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Agency, Chair Eck adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Jon Eck, Chair

Attest:

Mark Daily, Secretary