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DOWNTOWN URBAN RENEWAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 8, 2012

City Hall Conference Room A, 716 SW Evergreen Avenue, Redmond, Oregon

Advisory Members: Chair Steven Boothroyd, Brad Smith, Carol Nelson, Donald Crouch, Ginny McPherson (absent: *Heidi Hylkema, Robert Gomes, Ken Streater*, 1 position vacant)

City Staff: Heather Richards, *Community Development Director*; Jon Williams, *Economic Development Project Manager*; Bill Duerden, *Public Works Director*; Cameron Prow, TYPE-*Write II*

Visitors: Tory Allman, *City Councilor*; Trish Pinkerton, *Redmond Spokesman*

(scribe CP's note: The minutes were created from an audio recording and notes taken at the meeting. The three digits after the motion title show the number of members voting in favor/against/abstaining.)

CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Boothroyd called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. with a quorum present.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Action Items

2. Urban Renewal Participation in Construction of Homestead Trail

Ms. Richards reported that the Public Works Department has received a \$125,000 grant to construct a six-foot gravel path along the Pilot Butte Canal. Much of this path runs through the Downtown Urban Renewal District. DURD has an opportunity to leverage funding and extend this pathway south from Evergreen Avenue to Veterans Way.

Mr. Williams presented his staff report (PowerPoint). The segment of the Homestead Trail between Maple and Evergreen Avenues fits with the City's long-term plan to extend a trail from Smith Rock to Ridgeview High School and the south Redmond city limits. The medical district master plan process envisioned separate trail facilities for pedestrians and cyclists, but the City is considering a multi-modal facility. Cost estimates are preliminary. Staff needs to determine if alternate mobility funds in the urban renewal budget and \$30,000 in the City Parks budget could be used for this project. Should the urban renewal agency move in this direction?

DURAC discussed *decision timeframe, benefits to extending the Homestead Trail, trail width (6 to 12 feet), trail surface (gravel, pavement), multi-modal use, public safety, construction and maintenance costs, and route options.*

Motion 1 (5/0/0): Mr. Smith moved to recommend that the Agency explore funding construction of the Homestead Trail segment extending from Maple Avenue all the way to Veterans Way and having it paved. Mr. Crouch seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

1. Request for Proposals for Downtown Circulation Strategy

Mr. Williams recapped the study parameters outlined at the September 2012 meeting. The study is expected to cost \$135,000 and will be used to guide investment of \$5.5 million of urban renewal funds allocated to vehicular circulation improvements downtown. Areas of focus will include the 5th Street/6th Street couplet, efficient access to the hospital and medical district, access to downtown from Highways 97 and 126, central area interchange location, and multi-modal uses (bicycle, pedestrian, transit). The consultant needs to consider long-term goals for downtown revitalization, stakeholder concerns, best practices/successes, compatibility with adopted plans, existing conditions, and staff expertise. The deliverables should include a tech memo on community goals, case studies, prioritized project list (concept-level designs, preliminary cost estimates, funding strategy), and downtown circulation strategy including a map. He recommend scoring consultant proposals on effectiveness, experience in economic development and transportation planning, and capacity to meet the City's scope and budget within a reasonable timeframe. Staff would appreciate DURAC guidance before issuing an RFP.

DURAC discussion covered *consultant prospects, potential interchange locations, case study criteria* (similar size, re-route experience), *downstream results, measuring success*, and the *comprehensiveness of the RFP process so far*.

Motion 2 (5/0/0): Ms. McPherson moved that the Agency request proposals for the Downtown Circulation Strategy with a not-to-exceed cost of \$135,000. Ms. Nelson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

B. Discussion/Update

1. Downtown Parking Study

Mr. Williams said that he will present results of the consultant's survey of parking utilization in the downtown core at the next meeting.

2. Professional Business Medical District Development Strategy

Mr. Williams said that staff will make a presentation on the final consultant's report at the next meeting and discuss how to move forward on the consultant's recommendations.

3. Downtown Housing Strategy

Mr. Williams reported that Johnson Reid (economist from Portland, Oregon) will lead the consultant team. The market research firm selected was the consultant review committee's #1 choice. A technical advisory committee (TAC) will work with the consultant to make sure that the products provided meet City expectations. The TAC will probably meet four times over six months to provide feedback on draft project deliverables.

Mr. Smith and Ms. McPherson volunteered to represent DURAC on the TAC.

C. Approval of Minutes

Motion 3 (5/0/0): Mr. Smith moved to approve the minutes from August 13 and September 10, 2012, as written, subject to correcting the September 10 minutes so that Sentence 1 under the ADJOURN heading reads: "With no further business, Chair Boothroyd adjourned the meeting at 18:02 p.m." Mr. Crouch seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

LIAISON COMMENTS (None)

CITIZEN COMMENTS (None)

STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Richards reported that the "Thoughts of Flight" sculpture has been installed at the Eastern Y. Art is intended to stimulate. Response from the public has been passionate in terms of "likes" and "dislikes." Citizens calling have also been concerned about funding. DURAC recommended four to five years ago that 0.5-1% of large capital improvement projects be set aside. Funding for this sculpture came from the \$12 million re-route of Highway 97. She explained that the artist's intent with the design and materials used was to reflect the Art Moderne style from the 1940s and Redmond's industrial heritage.

Chair Boothroyd said that several people have asked him what the words mean and then wanted to know what is going to happen on the big parcel south of the Eastern Y. Selection of this particular piece was done by citizens.

Mr. Smith commented that the outline lighting turns one sculpture into two.

DURAC COMMENTS

Ms. McPherson requested an update on wayfinding signage. Ms. Richards reported that the City has received final product designs and is working to get construction documents by December 1, 2012. She is working with the high schools to add engineering design and metal fabrication to the curriculum so students can help in the manufacturing process.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Chair Boothroyd adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

APPROVED by the Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee and SIGNED by me this 14th day of January, 2013.

ATTEST:

/s/ Brad Smith
Brad Smith, Chair

/s/ Heather Richards
Heather Richards, Community Development Director