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DOWNTOWN URBAN RENEWAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

April 11, 2016

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

Advisory Members Present: Chair Don Crouch, Vice-Chair Edwin Danielson, Sam Blackwell, Paul Hansen, Trish Pinkerton, Brad Smith, Gib Stephens (*absent: Tom Kemper, Denys Middleton*)

Youth Ex Officio: (*absent: David Purkey*)

City Staff: Chuck Arnold, *Economic Development/Urban Renewal Project Manager*; Cameron Prow, TYPE-*Write II*

Council Liaison: Tory Allman

Visitors: None

Media: None

(The 3 digits after a motion title show the number of members voting in favor/opposed/abstaining.)

CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Crouch called the regular meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. with a quorum of members (6 of 9) present. Mr. Stephens arrived at 5:10 p.m.

Chair Crouch closed the regular session and opened the executive session at 5:08 p.m.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Crouch read aloud the following statement: Oregon Law permits public bodies to meet in executive session to discuss specific matters which are not open to the public. Final actions or decisions on these matters will be made during regular session. Under the provisions of the Oregon Public Meetings Law, the proceedings of this executive session are for background information only for media attending and not for publication or broadcast.

Chair Crouch closed the executive session and re-opened the regular meeting at 5:48 p.m.

II. MOTIONS AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 14, 2016
Postponed to the next meeting.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

None.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Annual Meeting/Public Forum for May

Following discussion, committee members agreed by consensus that it made sense to postpone holding a public forum in May and wait until announcements could be made about upcoming projects.

B. Quarterly Financial Report

Mr. Arnold presented a snapshot of year-to-date expenditures from the City Finance Department in response to DURAC's request for a financial report at its March 2016 meeting.

DURAC concerns included urban renewal dollars received from property taxes each year (source, how much, where it's going), interfund transfers, bond sale funds (annual payment, amount available per year), \$7.5 million for the Family Recreation Center (origin, current status of these funds, why the Family Recreation Center is included in the urban renewal district if no seed money is available), which projects were allocated 2015-2016 dollars, and defining terminology.

Mr. Arnold responded to member concerns, noting that the Family Recreation Center was considered a catalytic project for the Downtown Urban Renewal District. He will discuss DURAC concerns with Budget Manager Jason Neff and present a revised draft financial report at the May 2016 meeting.

C. BPAC Request for Bicycle Parking

Mr. Arnold presented his staff report which outlined the background of the Redmond Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's proposal to replace the picnic table in front of Green Plow with a bike corral. His discussion covered concerns of urban renewal staff, fiscal impact, and courses of action open to DURAC. This proposal evolved out of BPAC's field trip around downtown streets on January 4, 2016. Based on his prior experience with bike corrals, he recommended DURAC take time to study potential impacts and consequences of this proposal and to solicit stakeholder input before making a decision.

DURAC concerns included potential conflicts between bicyclists and pedestrians, impacts of using the parking space in front of the picnic table at Green Plow, asking bike users which sites make the most sense for them, developing criteria for siting bike corrals (visibility for bike security), difference between bike racks and bike corrals, popular biking routes based on bike counts, how biking is addressed in the City's TSP (Transportation Systems Plan), timeframe of a revocable City permit for the business that would "host" a bike corral, and what other businesses near that site thought about the proposal.

Motion 1 (6/0/0): Mr. Smith moved that DURAC pursue staff's recommendation (Alternative Course of Action 2) to request more information before making a decision. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilor Allman announced that former City Councilor Heather Carlin passed away on April 11, 2016.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

STAFF COMMENTS

New activities: Mr. Arnold reported the Busy Chef commercial kitchen was open and offering leases; this was the first project he tackled when he began working for the City of Redmond. The City has received proposals for two small multi-family housing projects: one at 3rd Street/Black Butte Avenue and a second

at 8th Street/Antler Avenue. The City is working with the owner of the old El Rancho site to upgrade the building's façade to correlate with DURAC's color palette. The old Fireside Restaurant property has sold. He will meet with Ryan Patrick regarding future plans for the antique store.

Signs: The old neon sign at Centwise came down last week. The owner wants to preserve it but will not reinstall at this location due to the weight, which was damaging the building. Mr. Arnold suggested it might be appropriate to install this sign with others of the past along a "walk of fame" in one of the downtown alleys.

DURAC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

Next meeting: Monday, May 9, 2016, 5 p.m.

With no further business, Chair Crouch adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee and SIGNED by me this 9th day of May, 2016.

ATTEST:

/s/ Donald Crouch
Donald Crouch
Chair

/s/ Heather Richards
Heather Richards
Community Development Director