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## **DOWNTOWN URBAN RENEWAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### Minutes

Monday, May 13, 2013

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

**Advisory Members:** Vice-Chair Donald Crouch, Edwin Danielson, Anne Graham, Trish Pinkerton  
(absent: *Brad Smith*; 4 positions vacant)

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

**Visitors:** Tory Allman, *Council Liaison*; Paul Hansen; Solomon Kaleialoha, *Redmond Commission for Art in Public Places*; Rozy Arno; Matt Heston, *Soup 2 Nuts*; Lauran and Jose Torres

*(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**

Vice-Chair Crouch called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. with a quorum present.

### **DISCUSSION – ACTION ITEMS**

#### A. Discussion/Update

2. **Downtown Parking:** Mr. Williams summarized efforts the City has made since 2008 to understand and address parking concerns and discussed parking management alternatives (time limits, signs/meters, tickets/fines, enforcement). Three Oregon communities (Albany, Astoria, Corvallis) have implemented customer-only zones.

Ms. Richards acknowledged receipt of B. J. Gretler's e-mailed comments about parking.

Vice-Chair Crouch invited citizen comments:

- \* The biggest problem with parking occurs midday. Business owners and staff should park on side streets. Store visibility is very important. Don't discourage pedestrians. Customers attending classes and/or shopping at more than one store may need more than three hours of parking. Willing to help resolve the problem.
- \* The short-term parking in front of *Soup 2 Nuts* are for dash-in customers not business owners, staff, and residents. These spaces are often occupied 4-16 hours at a time by the same vehicles. What should be the busiest time of the year is currently the slowest.
- \* Customers who can't find parking close to where they want to shop will stop coming downtown and will spread the word that parking downtown is impossible.
- \* Will parking at 7<sup>th</sup> Street Plaza be available now that the ice rink has been shut down? A lot of business has been lost during the 6<sup>th</sup> Street construction project and motorists are confused. When will 6<sup>th</sup> Street reopen? It seems as if there's only enough parking for

one restaurant downtown. Time is of the essence. Customer-parking signs should be put only in the problem area, not all of 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

Councilor Allman suggested contacting Chuck Arnold, *Bend Downtowners*, to learn how Bend addresses this issue.

DURAC concerns included *appropriate resolution level* (Council policy vs. parking ordinance), *towing cars that violate parking rules*, and *encouraging Council to implement a solution for the 2013 summer retail season*). **By consensus**, DURAC asked staff to do a door-by-door survey of all businesses within a two-block area proposed for a customer-parking-only zone and report the results at the June 2013 meeting.

4. **Jumpstart Initiative for Downtown:** Mr. Williams said staff are proposing a “jumpstart competition” for the downtown area. He summarized (PowerPoint) the background, goals, approach, eligibility, terms, process, and next steps of how this program would work.

DURAC discussed *target developers*, *potential businesses*, and *exacerbation of parking problems* before agreeing **by consensus** that the City should move this concept forward.

3. **DURAC Project Priorities:** Ms. Richards reviewed (PowerPoint) funding allocations and timing for projects for fiscal years (FY) 2011 through 2031. She discussed the background, financial feasibility model assumptions, urban renewal financials, urban renewal board direction from its April 30 work session, bonding options, and adopted plan budget.

DURAC discussed short-, mid-, and long-term priorities for projects based on, among other criteria, *catalytic potential*, *job creation*, *activity generation*, and *economic returns vs. quality-of-life goals*. **By consensus**, DURAC members agreed the top three priorities for FY 2013-2014 should be proactive infrastructure improvements in the Professional Business Medical District, Ice/Roller Rink and Family Recreation Center, and continued support of the Industrial Opportunity Fund.

1. **Center City Housing Study:** Postponed to the next meeting due to lack of time.

B. Approval of Minutes

**Motion 1** (4/0/0): Ms. Graham moved to approve the minutes from March 11 and April 8, 2013, as presented. Ms. Pinkerton seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**LIAISON COMMENTS** (None)

**CITIZEN COMMENTS** (None)

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Ms. Richards said the City was vetting the final City Manager candidate; if all is satisfactory, he will start in mid-July and will attend the statewide city managers conference. Robert Gomes has resigned. Three applications have been received for new members.

**DURAC COMMENTS**

Ms. Graham reported speaking to her eye doctor about DURAC membership.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business, Chair Smith adjourned the business meeting at 6:58 p.m.

APPROVED by the Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee and SIGNED by me this  
8th day of June, 2013.

ATTEST:

/s/ Donald Crouch  
Donald Crouch, Vice-Chair

/s/ Heather Richards  
Heather Richards, Community Development Director