

MINUTES
URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
898 ELK DRIVE
Monday, April 23, 2007

Call to Order

Chair Sherman called to order the meeting at 8:42pm

Roll Call

Present were Chair Pat Sherman, Directors Larry Anderson, Ron Hedenskog, Jan Willms, and Dave Gordon, a quorum present. Also present were Interim City Manager Ken Hobson, Administrative Assistant Joyce Heffington, Urban Renewal Advisory Committee (URAC) Chair, Pete Chair, Media representative, Tom Hubka and two other citizens.

Minutes

- A. Approval of URA minutes for: October 23, 2006
- B. Acceptance of Urban Renewal Advisory Committee Minutes for:
 - 1. January 11, 2007
 - 2. January 25, 2007
 - 3. February 8, 2007
 - 4. March 8, 2007

Director Anderson moved, a second followed, and the Agency voted unanimously to approve and accept the minutes as written.

Regular Agenda

URAC Chair Pete Chasar addressed revisions to the Facade Improvement Program Guidelines recommended by the Urban Renewal Advisory Committee (URAC).

Chair Sherman suggested that some latitude may be needed regarding the three bid requirement and Interim City Manager Ken Hobson advised that the guidelines has language that would allow the City Manager to sign off on fewer than three bids if it were deemed appropriate. Chair Sherman also suggested that under item number one, under the heading, "General Guidelines," on page one, additional language be added to read, "...other than design consultant fees as described above."

Director Anderson moved, a second followed and the Agency voted unanimously to accept the recommendations and approve the changes to the guidelines as suggested to include additional language to read [under item number one, under the heading, "General Guidelines," on page one] "...other than design consultant fees as described above."

Chasar stated that it was the URAC's recommendation to retain the currently leased parking lot easterly of Rush Surgery Center.

Chasar also stated that the URAC had set as a goal \$130,000 of budgeted Urban Renewal funds for the Façade Improvement Program out of the coming budget cycle. Additionally, Chasar stated the committee hoped to expand on existing streetscape improvements.

Chair Sherman asked Chasar if the committee might consider reducing the FIP funding amounts if some of those funds were needed to acquire the parking lot. Chasar said that he thought they would.

Chair Sherman moved, a second followed, and the Agency voted unanimously to give the Interim City Manager authority to explore options for acquisition or long term lease of the [parking lot] property [easterly of Rush Surgery Center].

Adjournment

Director Gordon moved, a second followed and the Agency voted unanimously by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Pat Sherman
Chair

ATTEST by City Recorder
this 30th day of May, 2007:



Paul Hughes
Administrative Services Director/City Recorder