

# Minutes

City of Brookings

Economic Development Committee (EDC)

Council Chambers 898 Elk Drive September 9, 2004 7:00 p.m.

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair John Zia at 7:00 p.m.

## II. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

In attendance were: Zia, Dave Gordon, Jeremy McVeety, Don Mitchell, Shelly Eaton, Rick Bishop, Chris Nichols, Frances Johns Kern, Toni Mefford, Ed Wait, Dianne Snow, John Bischoff and Linda Barker. Dave Freeman arrived at 7:05 p.m. and Peggy Goergen arrived at 7:40 p.m.

## III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

Gordon moved, a second followed, and by unanimous voice vote the minutes of August 12, 2004, were approved.

## IV. ADDITION OF ITEMS TO AGENDA IF NEEDED

None

## V. SCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None

## IV. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

## VII. STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES/INFORMATION

### A. Dianne Snow, Assist Planner

#### 1. Building Permit Activity

Snow said building permits issued in May, June, and July, 2004, were down from last year. This was attributable to the fact that SDCs were being increased last summer and people looked ahead, obtaining permits before the fees increased.

#### 2. Borax Update

Snow said the Borax Master Plan of Development received a favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission and it will go before the City Council as a public hearing September 13.

#### 3. Report on Brookings Friends of Trees meeting

The Friends of Trees will hold a meeting September 16. The speaker will be certified arborist Paul Ries, Oregon Department of Forestry. Ries will speak on *Developing with Trees in Mind*.

### B. Ed Wait, Economic and Urban Development Director

#### 1. Update on Slam'n Salmon Ocean Fishing Derby

Wait said the Curry Coastal Pilot did a good job on reporting the event. Nearly 700 salmon meals were served, the town was crowded and

everyone had a good time. The derby cleared enough money to fund some fish restoration projects. Applications for the projects were being considered and the project would be selected soon. The EDC members discussed economic opportunities from such an event and ways to promote it further next year.

## **VIII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Downtown subcommittee**

#### **1. Downtown Business District/Land Development Code Presentation and Discussion**

Mefford, Chair of the Downtown Subcommittee, introduced Snow, Wait and Bischoff who each gave a bit of history on the development of the downtown area and its master plan of development; the Urban Renewal Agency and its role in raising funds for projects in the district; and the needed Land Development Code changes to begin implementation of the master plan. Mefford thanked the subcommittee members for their hard work on developing wording for a new zone. She proposed the draft wording for Section 54, Downtown Business District go to the Planning Commission for consideration at their October 5 meeting and then to the City Council on October 25. The subcommittee is still working on wording regarding signs and parking which will be in the sign and parking sections of the Land Development Code, not this new section. After EDC discussion of the proposed wording Dave Gordon moved, a second followed, and the committee voted unanimously to send a favorable recommend on Section 54, Downtown Business District to the Planning Commission.

## **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **XI. GENERAL DISCUSSION/COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

None

## **XII. WORK ITEMS FOR NEXT OR FUTURE MEETINGS**

Gordon will contact Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Bill Boynton to give a presentation at the October 14 meeting. Goergen said Steve Kridelbaugh, SWOCC President cannot attend the October meeting but would be available in November. Barker reported that Craig Bradford, Del Norte Economic Development Corporation cannot attend any meetings on Thursday but would be available at a different date or forum. Zia said he would develop a presentation on slope street standards for the October meeting. Representatives from the Board of Realtors were mentioned as possible speakers for a future meeting.

## **XIII. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting will be October 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before it, the committee adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Chris Nichols*

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Secretary