

Minutes

Urban Renewal Advisory Commission

Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive
Thursday, August 12, 2010

Call to Order: Chair Chasar called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present: Commission Members, Pete Chasar, Donna Cramer, Don Nuss, Joyce Tromblee, Rick Bishop and Kim Banfield; absent was Dan Nachel. Staff/others present were Building Official LauraLee Gray, Planning Director Dianne Morris, Administrative Services Director Janell Howard and Councilor Jake Pieper.

Minutes/Last Meeting: July 08, 2010 minutes were unanimously approved.

Regular Agenda:

- Planning Director Morris presented a letter of support for the Bike-able Brookings, TIGER II grant, for the Commission signature. Chair Chasar will review the letter and make some minor revisions. Kim moved and Donna seconded to approve signing the letter; motion passed 5 to 1, with Rick voting "No," due to the unknown changes to the letter.
- Administrative Services Director Howard presented a review of the supplemental FY 09-10 and adopted FY 10-11 URA budgets.
- Building Official Gray presented agenda reports on proposals for funding of bike racks in the district, and picnic facilities next to Whole Foods. Don pointed out that funding was not available to complete both projects and that it would be prudent to investigate the details of the grant that Alex is working on to make sure that bike racks purchased by the agency would conform. Rick moved and Kim seconded to postpone a decision on the bike racks. Donna moved and Joyce seconded to postpone a decision on the picnic facilities, both motions passed unanimously.
- Discussion regarding proposed map at Fred Meyer: the consensus of the Commission was that a location in the restroom alcove was not acceptable; Rick suggested talking to Rays Sentry management about locating a sign in their store. Donna moved and Joyce seconded to allocate funding for 2 signs, one to be installed at Bankus Park and the second to be installed at Fred Meyer, at a later date; motion passed, 4 to 2, with "No" votes from Don and Rick.

Executive Directors Report:

- The Downtown project is 41 percent complete. Many complications have been encountered due to the age of the infrastructure and lack of records that would have revealed problems beforehand.
- Railroad Street Bicycle Lane: an application for funding under the ODOT modernization grant was considered ineligible due to Railroad not being classified as an arterial street in the TSP. Staff is moving forward with the application for a grant under the federal TIGER II program.
- Center Street parking lot: Discussion with ODOT has not achieved a workable and affordable solution to the challenge of making this a more useable parking lot. A suggested strategy is to mark it internally as one way, resurface it and not mark the parking spaces.

Commissioner comments:

- Don moved and Donna seconded to recommend approval of the Director's strategy for the Center Street parking lot, except that the parking spaces would be marked.
- Donna presented pictures of alley improvements in Grants Pass and suggested the Hillside triangle be developed in the future with several picnic tables, one situated at sidewalk's edge to accommodate ADA and still leave room in the center of the lot for a sculpture.
- Kim asked about park maintenance schedules as she was aware of an injury at Kid Town, LauraLee will ask Public Works to inspect the park.

Public comments:

None.

Next months meeting: September 09, 2010

- Report on TIGER II grant: Alex Carr-Frederick
- Cost breakdown of bike racks and picnic facilities: LauraLee Gray
- Information sign at bus stop: LauraLee Gray
- Unexpended engineering funds allocated to Stout Park

Adjournment: adjourned at 4:35

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Tromblee (Approved at 11/18/10 meeting).

Joyce Tromblee (Chair or Vice Chair)
Print Name and Title.