

Minutes
Urban Renewal Advisory Committee
Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive
Thursday, January 14, 2010

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

Present: Committee members: Pete Chasar, Donna Cramer, Joyce Tromblee, Kim Banfield and Rick Bishop, Dan Nachel was absent. Staff members: Executive Director Gary Milliman, Building Official LauraLee Gray and Councilman Jake Pieper. Members of the public attending, Donna Johnson.

Minutes/Last Meeting: December 10, 2009 minutes accepted. Rick Bishop questioned the explanation of disposition of unused street lights as he felt that it was not consistent with an earlier explanation.

Regular Agenda:

- Chair Chasar did a review of the history and responsibilities of the URAC
- Discussion of the direction of the committee in light of the very limited funds available at this time and possibly for the next 5 years.
- Discussion of tax increment apportionment related to the Urban Renewal Area, Director Milliman will invite County Assessor Jim Kolen to the February meeting to answer questions.
- Several ideas for projects were put forward by committee members; they ranged from inexpensive cosmetic projects to partnering with Evergreen Federal on street sculptor projects. Director Milliman will put together a synopsis of these ideas for next meeting.

Executive Directors Report: Work is progressing well downtown, underground work is going well in spite of some complications and as soon as the conduit is completed around the Central Building the sidewalks will be installed. Water lines are being replaced on Spruce and drainage is being installed in alleys. Milliman has met with the property owner of the "rock" on Spruce and they may be willing to participate in the cost of removal of the rock. This could enable that block of Spruce Street to be put back into the project. Many discussions with property owners on Fern and Willow are taking place regarding concerns about proposed parking layout.


Public comments: Donna Johnson commented on how well the Evergreen Bears were received throughout town and that we should be working on some sort of plan with merchants and general public to facilitate a program for street sculptors.

Committee Member Comments: Discussion about the schedule of further meetings considering funding restraints

Next meeting: February 11, 2010

Adjournment: Adjourned at 4:05

Respectfully submitted,

 (Approved at 2/11/10 meeting).

PETE CHASAR (Chair or Vice Chair)

Print Name and Title.