

Minutes
Urban Renewal Advisory Committee
Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive
Thursday, February 11, 2010

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

Present: Committee members: Chair Pete Chasar, Donna Cramer, Joyce Tromblee and Rick Bishop; Dan Nachel and Kim Banfield were absent. Staff members attending were Executive Director Gary Milliman, AS Director Janell Howard, Council liaison Jake Pieper and Building Official LauraLee Gray. Jim Kolen and Tracey Mauer of the County Assessors office were invited speakers.

Minutes/Last Meeting: January 14, 2010 minutes accepted.

Regular Agenda:

- Jim Kolen, County Assessor explained the process of administration of property taxes collected related to the urban renewal area. There has been confusion due to people outside the boundary area paying URA taxes. The Assessor calculates the assessed valuation growth within the URA. The Assessor then calculates a tax rate which is applied city wide. The overall tax bill is not increased as the funds paid to the URA would have been paid into other taxing districts. As the property values increase within the area and at such time as the increment deferral "sunsets" then all property owners within the City benefit from the increased taxes collected.
- Chair Chasar created a project list using elements from Director Milliman's downtown enhancement projects memo from last month and from 2007 and also some elements from a report submitted by former City Manager Ken Hobson. Milliman will create a matrix to help the committee organize their thoughts on priority of these projects.

Executive Directors Report:

- Work is progressing well downtown in spite of weather difficulties and complications with existing infrastructure not being as expected. Installation of water improvements have been completed and sewer and storm will be finished soon, which will allow sidewalk construction to start, pending weather. Discussion continues with property owners regarding parking locations.

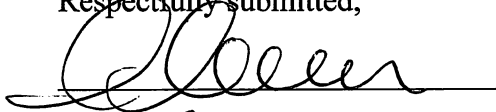
Committee and Staff comments:

- Discussion regarding the location of the Chamber of Commerce and possible inducements to them to provide an office within downtown proper.
- Rick provided a brochure from Brady Adams, President of Evergreen Bank, and encouraged the committee to try to partner with Adams for ideas and involvement in the downtown development area. Adams has done many beneficial things for the City of Grants Pass and Rick feels that there is great potential for Brookings to share the same type of benefits.

Next months meeting: March 11, 2010

Adjournment: adjourned at 4:05

Respectfully submitted,

 (Approved at 3/11/10 meeting).
PETE CHASAR (Chair or Vice Chair)
Print Name and Title.