

Minutes

Urban Renewal Advisory Commission

Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive
Thursday, April 08, 2010

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

Present: Commission members: Pete Chasar, Donna Cramer, Joyce Tromblee, Dan Nachel, Kim Banfield and Don Nuss. Rick Bishop and Executive Director Gary Milliman were absent. Staff members attending were Building Official LauraLee Gray and Councilor Jake Pieper. Tim Patterson was also in attendance.

Minutes/Last Meeting: March 11, 2010 minutes were accepted with revisions.

Regular Agenda:

1. Discussion of the staff recommendation to add two items to the short term priority list and strategies for implementing top priority projects that were determined in the last meeting.
 - Development of the parking area next to His Haven of Hope on Center Street, Don Nuss made a motion to approve the addition of this project to the priorities list, seconded by Kim Banfield, approved unanimously.
 - Possible purchase and resale of City property on Wharf Street: A motion was made by Donna Cramer, seconded by Don Nuss and amended by Dan Nachel to add this to the list but to get additional information on the proposal.
2. Picnic Table by Whole Foods Store on Fleet Street: Prices will be obtained for necessary hard surfacing, garbage receptacle and shipping on the café picnic table in order to determine the total cost of this project. Funding for this project could be through the money currently set aside for pocket park projects.
3. Information center/kiosk: possible locations, Brookings Hearth and Home, Rays, 76 Gas Station, Boulder Park, Central Building, Frontage Street.
4. Tim Patterson spoke to the Commission regarding his intent to decrease the height of the fence currently under construction next to the theater due to engineering cost associated with the fence being over 6 feet in height. The Commission will discuss the possibility of paying $\frac{1}{2}$ the cost of constructing the fence at a height of 10 feet at the next meeting as there is a consensus that the higher fence would greatly enhance the appearance.

Executive Directors Report: None, Executive Director is out of town.

Commissioner comments: Kim Banfield brought a memo from the Brookings Merchants Association (BMA) listing 3 items of interest for the Commission to review.

- Informational signs or banners that would be changed weekly to draw attention to community events. The Commission has requested further information on conceptual design and locations proposed.

- Christmas decorations: garlands on the light poles, white lights in window displays, perhaps the City could purchase the lights in quantity to cut the costs to the businesses. Don Nuss suggested looking into filtering the street lights in some way to add color during the holiday season.
- Emergency preparedness seminar for businesses, while the Commission supported the concept of preparedness they did not feel that it relates to urban renewal and the suggestion was made for the BMA to work directly with City Manager, Gary Milliman.

Commission and Staff comments:

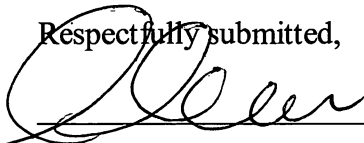
Don Nuss commented on the World article that was included in this month's packet regarding the use of urban renewal monies on advertising and the need for caution in this area.

Next months meeting:

- Project costs for picnic table at Whole Foods
- Downtown parking
- Cost share for fence next to theater

Adjournment: adjourned at 4:30

Respectfully submitted,



(Approved at 5/13/10 meeting).

PETER CHASAR, CHAIR (Chair or Vice Chair)
Print Name and Title.