

**Minutes**  
**Urban Renewal Advisory Committee**  
**Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive**  
**Thursday, March 12, 2009**

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Chasar called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Present: Committee members, Vice Chair Pete Chasar, Donna Cramer, Dan Nachel, Joyce Tromblee and Tony Parrish. Absent were Chair Ted Fitzgerald and Rick Bishop. Staff members attending were Executive Director Gary Milliman, Building Official LauraLee Gray and Council Liaison Jake Pieper.

**Minutes/Last Meeting:** February 12, 2009 minutes accepted.

**Regular Agenda:** The scheduled planter box presentation was postponed, Milliman will touch base with Ron James and reschedule. A citizen has offered to finance 4 or 5 directional signs in the downtown area geared toward pedestrians to direct them to the parks. Committee supports the concept and Milliman will report back with sign details. Representatives from the Dyer partnership presented 2 options for the improvements on Spruce Street. The consensus of the committee was to support option B which lessens the impact on the large rock outcropping on the property.

Kim Jones lot on Chetco Avenue was discussed for a potential pocket park. Pete will suggest a design competition to the Art Walk members and staff will do a site visit.


**Executive Directors Report:** Director Milliman reported on progress with the engineered plans for the downtown street improvement project, there are several "technical" issues to overcome relating to catch basins and other underground facilities. Milliman also reported that he has had 2 inquiries about the façade improvement program.

**Committee Members comments:** Tony brought up the issue of pampas grass, LauraLee will notify Public Works that it needs to be removed from City property. Gary will look into a public outreach program to educate citizens.

**Next months meeting:** Update on downtown project.

**Adjournment:** adjourned at 4:15.

Respectfully submitted,

 (Approved at April 9, 2009 meeting).

Pete Chasar, Vice Chair (Chair or Vice Chair)  
Print Name and Title.