

Minutes
Urban Renewal Advisory Committee
Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive
Thursday, January 08, 2009

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

Present: Committee members: Vice Chair Pete Chasar, Donna Cramer, Dan Nachel, Rick Bishop, Joyce Tromblee and Tony Parrish. Absent was Chair Ted Fitzgerald. Staff members attending were Executive Director Gary Milliman, Building Official LauraLee Gray, Public Works Inspector Rich Christensen, Administrative Services Director Patti Dunn, and Councilman Jake Pieper.

Minutes/Last Meeting: December 11, 2008 minutes accepted.

Regular Agenda: LauraLee Gray presented a report on the accomplishments of the URAC Committee since the creation of the group. The report raised questions about the role of URA in the funding of the Chetco Point Park project. LauraLee will investigate and report at next months meeting. The Committee discussed the pocket park proposed at Pacific Avenue. Tony will work on a concept drawing and cost estimate, LauraLee will prepare a Council Agenda Report for the January 26th Council/URA meeting for their approval. She has also sent a request for participation in the pocket park program and a contract to Mark Gleason at 549 Chetco Avenue.

Executive Directors Report: Director Milliman reported that the URA will vote on approval for the Engineering to commence for the downtown streets project on January 26. If approved, preliminary construction is expected in early May with work to continue through the summer. The City has submitted 7 additional projects for consideration under the economic stimulus funding proposal.

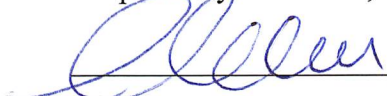
Committee Members comments: Joyce Tromblee requests that the Committee be provided with a budget break down of all costs associated with URA. Several members brought up lots downtown that have construction debris, LauraLee will ask Donna Colby-Hanks to look into abatement under the nuisance ordinance.

Next months meeting:

Tony will do a slide show on the façade improvement projects.
Discuss ideas about improving the alley between Spruce and Hemlock

Adjournment: adjourned at 3:39

Respectfully submitted,

 _____ (Approved at 2-12-09 meeting).

PETE CHASAR _____ (Chair or Vice Chair)
Print Name and Title.