

Minutes
Urban Renewal Advisory Committee
Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive
Thursday, December 11, 2008

Call to Order: Vice Chair Chasar called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

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

Minutes/Last Meeting: November 13, 2008 minutes accepted.

Regular Agenda:

Director Milliman reported that only one property owner responded to his inquiry into interest in having their property landscaped as a pocket park. The owner of the triangle on Pacific Avenue has agreed to allow the City to landscape and utilize the property. The Committee will move forward on a plan and cost estimate to put forward to the Urban Renewal Committee. Donna will touch base with Mark Gleason, owner of 549 Chetco Avenue to try and get a commitment for that property for a future pocket park.

LauraLee reported that Ross Road is under private ownership and that the City has no legal authority to require the removal of the pampas grass that is interfering with the sidewalk. Rick will contact the Manager of Evergreen Federal Savings and Loan to see if they would do it as a "good neighbor" gesture.

Executive Directors Report:

Director Milliman presented the concept drawings showing the proposed improvements for downtown development. The plans include improvements to Fern and Willow, Spruce from Wharf to Willow and Wharf and Center on each side of the Central Building. Possible project additions are Alternate 1, Spruce from Willow to Oak, Alternate 2, Spruce from Wharf to Center and Alternate 3, Hemlock.

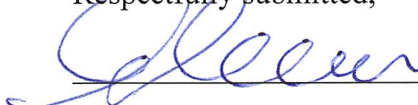
Donna Cramer moved to approve the improvement project as presented, Rick Bishop seconded, vote was unanimous to approve. Milliman also reported that the ODOT grant for sidewalks had not been approved.

Next months meeting:

Staff will prepare a report on the accomplishments of the URAC committee.
Tony will do a slide show on the façade improvement projects.
Further discussion of pocket park and alley program

Adjournment: adjourned at 3:35 for a field trip to the pocket parks.

Respectfully submitted,

 _____ (Approved at 1/8/09 meeting).

PETE CHASAR _____ (Chair or Vice Chair)

Print Name and Title