

MINUTES
Urban Renewal Advisory Committee
Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive
Brookings, Oregon 97415
Thursday, January 10, 2008

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

Present: Committee members: Chair Ted Fitzgerald, Pete Chasar, Donna Cramer, Tony Parrish, Dan Nachel and Rick Bishop. Absent was Joyce Tromblee. Staff members attending were City Manager Gary Milliman, Building Official LauraLee Gray and Planning Director Dianne Morris. Also in attendance was Council Liaison Jan Wilms.

Minutes/Last Meeting: December 13, 2007 minutes accepted with typographical error change: agree/agreed

Committee Business:

Pete Chasar moved and Rick Bishop seconded a motion to accept the modifications to the guidelines for FIP projects. Motion passed unanimously.

Pete Chasar moved and Donna Cramer seconded a motion to approve the new forms presented to the Committee consisting of a standard bid form, request for change and request for payment. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

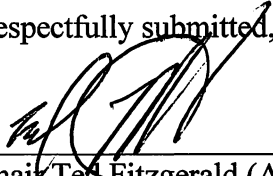
1. Planning Director Morris presented a history of how the exemption for parking in the downtown core area was determined and agreed upon.
2. City Manager Milliman headed a discussion on the future of the façade improvement program and asked for the committee to make a decision on continuance at the next meeting. There are grants available through the State to continue the program with a maximum match of \$10,000.
3. City Manager Milliman presented cost estimates for proposed projects to be undertaken with debt financing funds. Milliman will present a staging plan for street improvements in the near future.
4. Tony Parrish brought up two concerns: What kind of tax increment loss will the URA experience as a result of granting matching funds to tax exempt entities. Who is responsible for the street tree that was hit by a car and that the tree was replaced without discussion with the committee.
5. Rick Bishop mentioned his concern that the new sign at the theater is distracting and the location of the crosswalk at that location is very dangerous. He would also like monthly updates on Façade Improvement Projects.
6. Chairman Fitzgerald requested discussion of voicing support for the idea of an outlet mall to be located on Benham Ln. The committee was strongly opposed.

Next months meeting:

1. Prioritize street improvement and parking needs (Committee)
2. Project priorities list and cost estimates (Milliman)
3. Decision on FIP program continuance for 2008 (Committee)
4. Dumpster décor (Gray)
5. Relocation of Lorings dumpster (Christensen)
6. Downtown Art (Chasar)

Adjournment: adjourned at 4:24

Respectfully submitted,



Chair Ted Fitzgerald (Approved at 2/14/08 meeting).