

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
Urban Renewal Advisory Committee
Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive, Brookings
Thursday, March 6, 2008

Call to Order:

Chair Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Present:

Committee members present were Chair Ted Fitzgerald, Joyce Tromblee, Donna Cramer, Tony Parrish, and Rick Bishop. Absent were Dan Nachel and Pete Chasar. Also attending were City Manager Gary Milliman, Council Liaison Jan Willms, and 2 members of the public.

Committee Business:

City Manager Milliman reported that ODOT has invited the City to apply for grant funding under the Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) Program. Funds would be used for sidewalk, street lighting, trees, benches and other street furniture north of Fifth Street to the Harris Beach State Park entrance. The City/Urban Renewal Agency match requirement would be approximately \$200,000 for funds available in 2011-2013.

Rick Bishop asked if the match would decrease the amount of funds available for downtown street improvements. Milliman stated that, yes, it would, adding that the amount available is insufficient to fund both downtown projects and provide a match for this project.

Donna Cramer asked if the project would include utility undergrounding. Milliman stated that, no, it would not, and added that while TEA funds could be used to pay the difference in the cost of relocating the poles and undergrounding, this would likely double the cost and make the project less competitive. Milliman also stated that in the proposed project, new street light poles would be installed and existing telephone/cable poles would remain.

Cramer suggested eliminating benches, trees and light receptacles north of Easy Street to reduce cost. Bishop asked if the cost of engineering for the application would be paid with URA funds and Milliman said that it would.

Rick Bishop moved, ^{Joyce} ~~Donna Cramer~~ ^{Tromblee} seconded, and the Committee voted, with a "nay" vote from Tony Parrish, not to support the project.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Vice Chair Pete Chasar (Approved at 3/13/08 meeting).