

Minutes
Urban Renewal Advisory Committee
Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive
Thursday, April 10, 2008

Call to Order: Chair Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Present:

Committee members: Chair Fitzgerald, Vice Chair Chasar, Donna Cramer, Tony Parrish, Dan Nachel, Joyce Tromblee and Rick Bishop. Staff members attending were Executive Director Gary Milliman, Building Official LauraLee Gray, Public Works Inspector Rich Christensen and Planning Director Dianne Morris. Also in attendance were Councilor Jan Willms, Bob Pieper, Vicki Nuss and Curry County Pilot reporter Kurt Madar.

Minutes/Last Meeting:

March 13, 2008 minutes accepted as submitted, motion made by Joyce Tromblee and seconded by Dan Nachel, approved unanimously.

Public Comment:

Vicki Nuss asked if urban renewal funds were being proposed for use for improvements north of 5th Street and would it be legal to use these funds outside the urban renewal area. Director Milliman responded that by law, funds may be used outside the renewal area if the funding was for projects that directly affected the urban renewal area. This discussion led into a discussion of Alternative 5, see discussion item 1 below.

Committee Business:

1. Chair Fitzgerald started discussion regarding meeting laws that should govern this Advisory Committee. Executive Director Milliman will recommend to Urban Renewal Agency that the same regulations that govern bodies established by ordinance be applied to the Advisory Committee. Motion made by Rick Bishop and seconded by Dan Nachel to request that URAC be required to operate as per BMC 2.05. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

1. Executive Director Milliman reported that when he met with Mark Ussleman of ODOT it was Usslemans contention that past City administration had been the force behind ODOT offering alternatives for changes to Chetco Avenue. Ussleman states that unless the City is interested in pursuing Alternate 5, ODOT would remove the project from their funding list as they believe that traffic movement is satisfactory at this time. A motion was made by Pete Chasar and seconded by Joyce Tromblee to advise the Agency to not seek funding for Alternative 5. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Donna and Pete presented photos of dumpsters around town and suggested that a color be chosen, such as bronze, and talk to CTR about changing their color from the blue and green currently in use. There was further discussion about

implementing a dumpster surround program if façade improvement money is available next year.

3. Pete suggested using unsightly water towers as a canvas for a welcome sign or other positive visual for the community.
4. After a discussion about the TEA funding vote and the confusion surrounding it, Joyce Tromblee moved and Rick Bishop seconded a request for a special meeting after receipt of the engineering study. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Councilor Jan Wilms passed out flyers for the Litter B Gone, annual spring clean up to be held on Saturday April 19, 2008.

Next months meeting:

Dumpsters, continued

Adjournment: adjourned at 4:17

Respectfully submitted,

Chair (Approved at  meeting). 5-9-08