

Minutes

Urban Renewal Advisory Committee

Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive
Thursday, September 13, 2007

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

Present: Committee members: Chair Pete Chasar, Donna Cramer, Tony Parrish, Joyce Tromblee, Dan Nachel and Ted Fitzgerald. Absent was Werner Buehler. City Staff attending were Executive Director Gary Milliman, Building Official LauraLee Gray and Public Works Inspector Richard Christensen. Also in attendance were Director Jan Willms and Rick Bishop.

Minutes/Last Meeting: August 9th minutes, accepted as distributed

Visitor Comments: Rick Bishop commented on potential hazards on streets and sidewalks downtown. Tim Patterson expressed concern over encouraging major tourism which, in his opinion, could make the town less livable.

Façade improvement projects:

519 Chetco was tabled for further discussion on what constitutes “completed work” as work has commenced on this project.

654 Chetco was tabled as only 1 bid was provided.

621 Chetco: **Ted Fitzgerald moved, Tony Parrish seconded and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the project for 621 Chetco in the amount of \$20,000.00 with a scheduled completion date of October 28, 2007.**

609 Chetco: **Ted Fitzgerald moved, Donna Cramer seconded and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the project at 609 Chetco in the amount of \$7,025.00.** Work will commence as soon as final approval is given and completed as soon as possible after it was pointed out that the completion date on the application had already passed.

Streetscape Report: Public Works Inspector Christensen reported that all is going well and the new garbage cans will be replaced soon. The bench in front of 609 Chetco Avenue will be removed prior to start of façade improvement work.

Discussion Items: Executive Director Milliman reported that we have 2 – 2.8 million dollars available for debt issuance and that we are legally required to issue debt in order to receive tax increment funds. He presented some options for the Committee to rate in importance. Off street parking and improving the streets and sidewalks downtown seem

to be the high priority. Milliman will provide the committee with information on infrastructure needs which will need to be considered as part of these projects. Private incentives are also well received such as offsets for in-lieu parking fees, SDC charges for targeted businesses, trash receptacle screening and landscaping.

Chair Pete Chasar would like to set up a meeting with the Planning Department regarding the new Downtown Development District to make sure that we are all working toward the same goals.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 4:45

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Pete Chasar (Approved at _____ meeting).