

Minutes

Urban Renewal Advisory Committee

Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive
Thursday, October 11, 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 and Dan Nachel. Absent were Ted Fitzgerald, Werner Buehler and Joyce Tromblee. City Staff attending were City Manager Gary Milliman and Building Official LauraLee Gray. Also in attendance were Councilor Ron Hedenskog, Council Liaison Jan Willms, Chuck Fidroeff, Emma McMillan, Tim King and Rick Bishop.

Minutes/last meeting:

Tony Parrish moved, a second followed and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of September 13, 2007 as written.

Discussion Items:

Executive Director Milliman proposed several guideline changes to the bid process: a maximum completion date of 6 months from approval, a program for dumpster screening, existing signs to be brought into compliance with ordinances and final review of projects by the Site Plan Committee.

Per Director Milliman, additional funding is available for façade improvement. After some discussion, the Committee determined that no more applications will be reviewed under this year's program as other, larger, projects needed to be considered.

After some discussion, it was also decided that to structure next years program so that applications will be accepted in April and approvals granted in May, to allow construction to begin as soon as funding is in place.

Projects for Urban Renewal Funds were discussed again and prioritized.

The Committee discussed recruiting business owners to participate in dumpster screening projects with designs pre-approved by the City and Curry Transfer and Recycling.

Councilor Hedenskog brought pictures of a street in Eugene where driving, parking and walking areas have been incorporated. Councilor Willms expressed concern about pedestrian safety in this scenario. Executive Director Milliman advised that he has received preliminary bids from a design engineer for the downtown area. He also pointed out that street standards would need to be revised to implement this type of change.

Councilor Willms expressed concern regarding the bolts left in the sidewalk in front of His Haven of Hope. Building Official Gray will notify Public Works that the bolts need to be covered as well as the bolts in front of Suzy Q's after the benches are removed. Gray will also develop a standardized bid form to be used with next year's façade program.

Façade improvement projects:

702 Chetco Avenue, His Haven of Hope: The Committee reviewed the project, including new information presented by the applicant. Tony Parrish asked that minutes be reviewed to see if a project from the Chetco Community Library was ever reviewed by the Committee.

Dan Nachel motioned, a second followed and the Committee voted, with a nay vote from Tony Parrish, to approve the full amount of \$20,000.00 for the 702 Chetco Avenue project, His Haven of Hope with a completion date is January 15, 2008, contingent upon the applicant obtaining the appropriate building permits and the egress windows being brought up to code.

519 Chetco Avenue, Chetco Plaza: The Committee discussed the applicant's proposal to modify the already approved project.


Dan Nachel moved, a second followed, and the Committee voted unanimously to withhold payment for the project at 519 Chetco Avenue until the previously requested information regarding the square foot variance in finish material is provided.

609 Chetco Avenue, Suzy Q's:

Donna Cramer moved, a second followed and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the request for a color change subject to the applicant's agreement that the darker color would be used for both above and below the awning.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chair Pete Chasar (Approved at 11/8/07 meeting).