

# Minutes

## Urban Renewal Advisory Committee

Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive  
Thursday, November 08, 2007

**Call to Order:** Chair Chasar called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

### **Present:**

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

### **Minutes/Last Meeting:**

- September 20, 2007, accepted as read
- October 4, 2007, accepted with minor change:
  - “Chair Chasar shared” to “Chair Chasar reported.”
- October 11, 2007 accepted as read

### **Visitor Comments:**

Rick Bishop expressed appreciation for results of the façade improvement program but still wants financial reports.

### **Façade Improvement Projects:**

519 Chetco Avenue:

**Joyce Tromblee moved, Tony Parrish seconded and the Committee voted unanimously to deny approval of funding due to deviations from approved project without prior approval for the project at 519 Chetco Avenue.**

### **Streetscape report:**

Public Works Inspector Christensen reported that the trees are doing well and a tree is still available for donation by Flora Pacifica. It would cost approximately \$500.00 to have the sidewalk cored and the tree planted. Tentatively the site for the tree will be in front of His Haven of Hope after all construction is completed. Trash cans are in place at the Pilot, Coldwell Banker, McDonalds, The Marketplace and Frontage Street. A suggestion was made to move the trash can at Elmer Bankus Park to make it less accessible to vehicles as people are using it for personal use.

### **Discussion Items:**

City Manager Milliman is still waiting on budget proposals for preliminary designs for downtown; funding though economic development grants may be possible. Joyce

Tromblee suggested a bike rack be installed at the triangle of Chetco Avenue, Fern, and Fleet Streets. Donna Cramer commented on the danger of the Chetco Avenue bike trail ending abruptly into parking places. Pete Chasar suggested re-routing the bike lane to tie into the bike lane on Railroad Street.

The Committee was unaware of the recent change of parking regulations in the downtown area and expressed concern that, due to this change, creating new parking will now be a priority for the agency. City Manager Milliman reported that Dr. Rush is willing to continue to allow the public use of his downtown lot but is not interested in committing to a lease.

Tony Parrish suggested that we offer a 50% match for the cleanup of abandoned posts and signs around town. Donna Cramer stated that the dumpster screening needs to be pursued.

Tony Parrish expressed concern over Coos Curry Electric's proposal to remove trees from Stout Park and felt the Committee should make a recommendation to the City Council to ask for more information prior to approving this request.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Chair Pete Chasar

(Approved at 12/13/07 meeting).

**Items for next meeting:**

1. Elections for Chair and Vice Chair
2. Report back on façade project deadline dates – LauraLee Gray
3. Dumpsters in right of way- LauraLee Gray