# MINUTES URBAN RENEWAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive <u>Thursday, July 12, 2007</u>

## Call to Order

Chair Pete Chasar called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

### **Attendance**

Present were Chair Peter Chasar, Committee Members Donna Cramer, Tony Parrish, Joyce Tromblee, Dan Nachel and Werner Buehler and Ted Fitzgerald. City staff in attendance were City Manager Gary Milliman, Building Official LauraLee Grey and Public Works Inspector Richard Christensen. Public present were Noah Bruce, Rick Bishop and Mark Gleason.

## **Minutes**

June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 minutes were approved as presented.

#### **Public Comment**

Rick Bishop brought up the lack of downtown lighting. Chair Chasar reported that we have a commitment for completion of the streetlight project by August of this year.

## Regular Agenda

#### **Tree Update**

Richard Christensen reported that all but one tree are improving and composting is complete. Five new trashcans were delivered and three were damaged. The supplier will provide paint for repairs.

#### **Facade Improvement Applications**

Concerns were voiced about asking for and distributing social security numbers to all committee members.

Façade Improvement Program applications were reviewed and unanimously approved for projects at the following locations for the following amounts:

| 620 Hemlock Street  | \$17,910.50 |
|---------------------|-------------|
| 604 Railroad Street | \$17,500.00 |
| 549 Chetco Avenue   | \$19,100.00 |

## **Review of Project Prioritization**

With \$224,000 remaining in the Urban Renewal Fund, decisions need to be made as to

what other projects are to be pursued besides Facade Improvement.

Tony Parrish suggested that one project might be the removal of potentially hazardous parking spaces along Chetco Avenue; a majority of committee members agreed. Pete Chasar shared details from an article regarding the use of "bike sharing" by other cities for downtown transportation. Parrish also suggested the possibility of using traffic cameras to increase safety at key intersections. After some discussion, this suggestion was considered too costly.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

DON Pete Chasar, Chair  $\rightarrow$  meeting) (approved at