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COLUMBIA GATEWAY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

CITY OF THE DALLES

## **Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Advisory Committee Minutes**

**Tuesday, July 19, 2005  
Special Meeting**

City Hall Council Chambers  
313 Court Street  
The Dalles, OR 97058

*Conducted in a handicap accessible room.*

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ericksen called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Administrative Secretary Denise Ball conducted roll call.

Present members: Dan Ericksen, Ken Farner, Dick Elkins and Nikki Lesich

Absent members: Jack Evans, Chris Zukin

Staff present: Nolan Young, City Manager, Dan Durow, Community Development Director, Steve Schafroth, Consultant, and Denise Ball, Administrative Secretary

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ericksen lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

Lesich moved to approve the agenda and Farner seconded. The motion carried unanimously, Evans and Zukin absent.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Ericksen asked if there were any corrections or additions needed for the minutes of June 21, 2005. Farner pointed out in the Approval of Minutes section it says, "Chair Ericksen asked..." and it should say, "Acting Chair Zukin asked..." Farner moved to approve the minutes as corrected and Elkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, Evans and Zukin absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ACTION/RECOMMENDATION**

Chair Ericksen asked for the Staff Report.

Consultant Steve Schafroth presented the Staff Report for View Creek LLC. This is a request for a \$30,000 blighted property demolition loan. Schafroth asked if the Committee had any questions.

Lesich asked if some of the property would be deeded over to Wasco County Parks and Rec. Durow replied that a portion of the property would be deeded to the City, who in turn would deed it over to Parks and Rec., which will create public access.

Elkins asked what the timeline for the project is. Schafroth said things could start as early as October.

The Committee and Staff discussed the project briefly. Durow said Barbara Bailey, the applicant, is in attendance and asked her to speak to the Committee.

Ms. Bailey said she had always noticed that piece of property since she came to The Dalles. She saw the for-sale sign and decided to try and purchase "Little Yosemite". Bailey will be establishing a 501-C, Friends of the Greenway, organization. The condo's will be cantilevered over Mill Creek. She will be paying for the appraisal because she will take a charitable deduction for the property that will be gifted to the City.

Lesich moved to recommend to the Urban Renewal Agency that they approve \$30,000 direct loan to View Creek LLC according to the terms of the Blighted Property Loan Program. Farner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, Evans and Zukin absent.

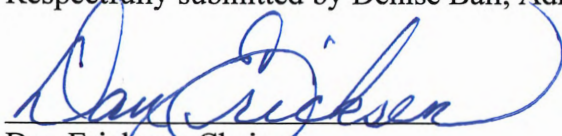
**FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next scheduled meeting is August 16, 2005. Chair Ericksen and Dick Elkins said they would not be available on that date.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Denise Ball, Administrative Secretary.



Dan Ericksen, Chair