



Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Advisory Committee Minutes

Tuesday, August 21, 2006

City Hall Council Chambers
313 Court Street
The Dalles, OR 97058
Conducted in a handicap accessible room.

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Zukin called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Administrative Secretary Denise Ball conducted roll call.

Present members: Chris Zukin, Gary Grossman, Dick Elkins,
and Nikki Lesich

Absent members: Dan Ericksen, Ken Farner

Staff present: Dan Durow, Community Development Director, Parker, City Attorney,
and Denise Ball, Planning Tech.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Acting Chair Zukin lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Acting Chair Zukin asked if there were any corrections or additions needed for the minutes of December 19, 2006. Grossman moved to approve the minutes as submitted and Lesichs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, Ericksen and Farner absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ACTION ITEM:

Recommendation to the Urban Renewal Agency on Property Rehab. Grant and Loan – Civic Improvements Grant Program regarding an application from Old St. Peters Landmark Preservation, Inc.

Director Durow presented the Staff Report and reviewed the scoring criteria. Durow asked if there were any questions.

Lesich asked if this was the only bid. Lesich also asked about the difference in price on the restoration of the four windows. Durow said he was not sure about the bid process. The price quote includes two small windows and two larger windows that are in a total of four sections. Planning Tech Ball informed the Committee that she and applicant Doug Leash had discussed the sole bid situation. David Schlicker Stained Glass is the only contractor who specializes in this type of restoration and is able to come to The Dalles, determine which windows are in the most dire need, remove those windows, take them to Portland and restore them, then return to The Dalles and reinstall them. (A member of the Old St. Peter's Landmark Preservation group was in the audience and added, following the meeting, that Schlicker is a "real gem").

Elkins calculated that restoring the remaining 65 windows will cost approximately a quarter of a million dollars. Elkins asked if the applicant will keep coming back to Urban Renewal for the funding or is there some other way to raise money for the window restoration. Durow said one of the options is to stipulate that the Urban Renewal grant be used as match for other grants. Elkins said he is not referring to this application but would like to see additional funding from other sources on future grant requests.

Lesich said she would like to see a proposal from Old St. Peter's Landmark Preservation group calculating a 75/25 match for funding required to complete the window project before Urban Renewal sunsets.

Grossman moved for the Urban Renewal Advisory Committee to recommend that the Urban Renewal Agency approve the request of Old St. Peters Landmark Preservation, Inc. for the \$18,667.00 grant as submitted. Lesich seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, Ericksen and Farner absent.

STAFF COMMENTS Director Durow informed the Committee that Jeff Tashman is working on questions regarding the future of Urban Renewal in The Dalles. Durow expects to be able to update the Committee during the October meeting. The East Gateway engineering design project is out for proposals. There will be a task force involved in three meetings during the course of the

project. Dick Elkins said he would like to volunteer to be on the task force. He will be out of town September and October.

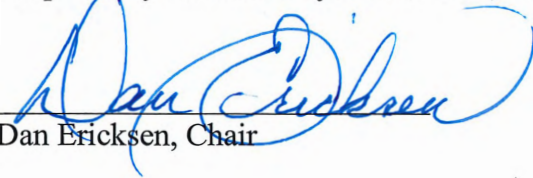
FUTURE MEETINGS

Lesich said she would like the Committee to meet at least quarterly to keep up on things. The next scheduled meeting is September 18, 2007. Several members of the Committee will not be available, however. The Committee will meet again on October 16, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Denise Ball, Planning Tech.



Dan Ericksen, Chair