



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

**Tuesday, March 16, 2010**

**5:30 PM**

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 5:35 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present members: Dan Ericksen, Ken Farner, Chris Zukin, Gary Grossman, Bill Dick

Absent members: Benjamin Hoey, Dick Elkins, Jesse Birge, Diana Bailey

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

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Ericksen led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

Chris Zukin moved to approve the agenda and Bill Dick seconded. The motion carried unanimously, Hoey, Birge, Bailey, and Elkins absent.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Ericksen asked if there were any corrections or additions needed for the minutes of February 16, 2010. Bill Dick moved to approve the minutes as submitted and Chris Zukin seconded the motion. The motion carried, Birge, Bailey, Hoey and Elkins absent.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Recess to Executive Session in Accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(e) to Conduct deliberations with persons designated by the Governing Body to Negotiate Real Property Transactions.

Chair Ericksen announced the rules for Executive Session and all members of the audience left the Council Chambers.

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## **RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION**

Gary Grossman moved to direct Staff to proceed with negotiations for the possible acquisition of real property adjacent to the Mill Creek Greenway owned by Barbara Bailey. Ken Farner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Birge, Bailey, Hoey and Elkins absent.

## **ON-GOING PROJECTS**

Director Durow told the Committee:

- The fiber option line was not placed deep enough in two areas of the roundabout project location. The fiber optic company will be out on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> to lower the line. This could cause up to a weeks delay on the final completion of the roundabout with some additional cost. The original deadline was May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Streetscape has been postponed for a year to a year and a half due to property and business owner input.
- An arborist was hired to inspect the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street trees. The trees installed with the original streetscape project were the correct tree, Columnar Norway Maple, and not the Columnar Red Maple as had been previously reported. The trees on the northern side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street have severe sunburn (splitting). Wrapping with proper materials from early on probably would have prevented this. Many of the sunburned trees will likely have to be replaced due to the damage that has taken place. The Arborist suggested that the tree well be expanded from 3x3 feet to 3x10 feet, river rock should replace the pavers in the tree well area, and no metal grates should be used. These changes along with proper tree wraps, ample water, weeding, and pruning should provide for healthier street trees that will not impact the sidewalks or streets. Director Durow added that the roundabout trees will be installed and maintained using the arborist's recommendations.
- The marine terminal dock drawings are at 90%. The City, Corp of Engineers, and local Tribes are continuing to work through cultural issues for final permitting.
- The UPRR has given their approval for the double tunnel at the Washington Street undercrossing. Final drawings are expected to be completed this year.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 20, 2010.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Denise Ball, Planning Tech.



Dan Ericksen, Chair