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# COLUMBIA GATEWAY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

### CITY OF THE DALLES

## SPECIAL MEETING **MINUTES**

#### COLUMBIA GATEWAY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY BOARD

Meeting Conducted in a Room in Compliance with ADA Standards Tuesday, June 11, 2019 5:30 p.m.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Grossman called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Scott Baker, Staci Coburn, Bob Delaney, Gary Grossman, Steve Kramer, Present:

Darcy Long-Curtiss, and Linda Miller

Absent: John Fredrick and Tim McGlothlin

Staff Present: Urban Renewal Manager Steve Harris, City Attorney Gene Parker

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Grossman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Member McGlothlin arrived at 5:30.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Board Member Miller to approve the agenda as written; Board Member Coburn seconded the motion. The motion passed 8/0, Baker, Coburn, Delaney, Grossman, Kramer, Long-Curtiss, McGlothlin and Miller in favor, none opposed, Fredrick absent.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Grossman read the rules for Executive Session. Pursuant to Item VI. A. of the Urban Renewal Agency Board Agenda dated June 11, 2019, which cites ORS 192.660(2)(e), the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 5:33 p.m.

Chair Grossman reconvened the Open Session at 6:03 p.m.

Board Member Long-Curtiss moved to reject the counter offer from Tony Zilka for the Blue Building located at 201 Washington Street; Board Member McGlothlin seconded the motion. The motion passed 8/0, Baker, Coburn, Delaney, Grossman, Kramer, Long-Curtiss, McGlothlin and Miller in favor, none opposed, Fredrick absent.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Grossman allowed public comment after the Executive Session.

Jim Youtsey, 260 Lone Pine Lane, #3, The Dalles

Mr. Youtsey stated he was part of a coalition of agencies in The Dalles trying to find solutions for the mentally ill and homeless.

At an event held at the Senior Center in January, over 107 registered homeless people showed up for pedicures, haircuts, identification and more. Mr. Youtsey would like to see a place where the homeless could go daily for medical attention, mental attention, and counseling.

Mr. Youtsey said he was sure they could come up with the money to make the Blue Building inhabitable.

#### Elizabeth Turner, 7000 Eight Mile Road, The Dalles

Ms. Turner is on the same committee with Mr. Youtsey. She visited City Team in Portland, and My Father's House in Gresham. City Team deals mainly with street traffic; My Father's House works mostly with families on a one-year contract. Both organizations are welcomed in their communities.

Ms. Turner stressed the need for a place to rehabilitate and educate in order to stop the cycle and help the homeless re-join the workforce.

#### STAFF COMMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting is June 18, 2019. The consultants for the Downtown Visioning project will report on the results of the May 6 Public Meeting. A discussion of the Tony's Building is also scheduled.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS**

In response to an inquiry, City Attorney Parker clarified that no amendments would be made to the original DDA.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Chair Grossman adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Paula Webb, Community Development Secretary

Gary Grossman, Chair