

MINUTES

COLUMBIA GATEWAY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY BOARD MEETING

April 19, 2022
5:30 p.m.

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON 97058

PRESIDING: Kathy Schwartz, Vice Chair

BOARD PRESENT: Diana Bailey, Staci Coburn, Lindsey Giamei, Tim McGlothlin, Dan Richardson, and Shanon Saldivar

BOARD ABSENT: Tracy Dugick, Darcy Long

STAFF PRESENT: Urban Renewal Manager Alice Cannon, Associate Planner Joshua Chandler, Secretary Paula Webb

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Schwartz at 5:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Richardson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Saldivar and seconded by Bailey to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried 7/0; Bailey, Coburn, Giamei, McGlothlin, Richardson, Saldivar and Schwartz voting in favor, none opposed, Dugick and Long absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Bailey and seconded by Richardson to approve the minutes of February 15, 2022 as submitted. The motion carried 7/0; Bailey, Coburn, Giamei, McGlothlin, Richardson, Saldivar and Schwartz voting in favor, none opposed, Dugick and Long absent.

It was moved by Saldivar and seconded by Giamei to approve the minutes of March 15, 2022 as submitted. The motion carried 7/0; Bailey, Coburn, Giamei, McGlothlin, Richardson, Saldivar and Schwartz voting in favor, none opposed, Dugick and Long absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

STAFF COMMENTS / PROJECT UPDATES

Director Cannon said closing is now complete for two properties [215 and 219 E. Second Street, as part of the Recreation Building project] purchased by Todd Carpenter and Carla McQuade.

The Incentive Program will return next month for the Board's consideration and approval.

Work continues on the First Street Streetscape project.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS / QUESTIONS

None.

ACTION ITEM

Consideration of a Business Oregon Brownfield Cleanup Fund grant application to provide financial assistance for demolition and asbestos abatement for the Tony's Building property, 401-407 E. Second Street.

Director Cannon requested the Board's authorization to apply for a Business Oregon Brownfield Cleanup Fund grant in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00, for demolition of Agency-owned property at 401-407 E. Second Street, otherwise known as the Tony's Building. The Agency is responsible for the remaining portion of demolition, \$350,000.

Board Member McGlothlin referred to the federal breakdown infrastructure [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law] and noted the EPA Brownfield Project is \$1.2 billion, a competitive grant funding 100 percent of "certain activities." The grant provides funding for brownfield projects and cleanups through the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act.

Board Member McGlothlin recommended the Board consider merging with Wasco County and Port of The Dalles to hire professional grant writers.

It was moved by Richardson and seconded by McGlothlin to authorize the Urban Renewal Agency Manager to sign the Business Oregon Brownfield Cleanup Fund grant application, requesting up to \$400,000 in grant funds to assist with asbestos abatement and demolition at Agency-owned property located at 401-407 E. Second Street. The motion carried 7/0; Bailey, Coburn, Giamei, McGlothlin, Richardson, Saldivar and Schwartz voting in favor, none opposed, Dugick and Long absent.


ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Meeting conducted in a room in compliance with ADA standards.

Submitted by/
Paula Webb, Secretary
Community Development Department

SIGNED: 
Darcy Long, Chair

ATTEST: 
Paula Webb, Secretary
Community Development Department