

MINUTES

NEWBERG CENTENNIAL REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

7:30 PM

January 12, 1983

Council Chambers

Members Present:

Alan Halstead
Quentin Probst

Bruce Breitling
Art Moffat

Staff Present:

Mayor Elvern Hall
Mike Warren, Executive Director
Clay Moorhead, Executive Secretary
Arvilla Page, City Recorder

Citizens Present:

Mikki Snell
Jim Snell
Mike Grant

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Elvern Hall in the absence of Chairman LeRoy Benham.

Motion: Moffat-Probst to unanimously elect Alan Halstead as Vice-Chair.
Motion carried.

Motion: Moffat-Halstead to approve minutes of previous meeting as mailed.
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Breitling asked which Draft No. is now the official copy. Mr. Moorhead stated that they would review the changes made by the City Council and an official plan will be printed with the changes. Mr. Moorhead then reviewed for the Commission the changes made by the Council. He stated that some of the changes were legal, such as making no mention of exact locations in the Plan, and some changes were of a technical nature.

Mr. Warren and Mr. Moorhead reported on potential grant money sources. HUD grants are possible. \$500,000 has been applied for, for uptown area low cost loans. The fact of the Redevelopment Plan being in place with no opposition, Town Hall meetings, and the Mayor's Task Force will give Newberg points in their applications for grants. The Federal government is turning grants over to the State. Mr. Moorhead stated that, of the grant applications before HUD, only 10 or 15 applications will be funded from nearly 100 applications. The applications are into the second round of review and a decision will not be made until the end of the month.

Mr. Moffat stated that the County has placed the sewage treatment plant at a high priority and questioned whether this would conflict with other grant applications. Mr. Moorhead stated that the grants are actually separated into groups. Economic development and public facilities would be separate areas.

Mr. Moorhead stated that the State is having a grant applications workshop beginning at the end of February. Announcement of awards determined by the states will be made May 20, 1983. Also, Federal Main Street is in Oregon and has requested that Newberg make application. Preapplication has been made. This is an association that's stemmed out of the Albany redevelopment.

Mr. Warren stated that the application for a State grant will be ready before April. The Commission needs to meet and decide who contacts who to improve our chances on obtaining a grant.

Mr. Moffat suggested that the Commission should contact the County Economic Development Commission and recommended that the Commission send a letter to the County Commission. Mr. Halstead agreed and stated that the Commission should start talking to them now instead of waiting until the last minute.

The Commission discussed whether there should be a theme for development within the project area and how a theme would be selected. Members of the Commission and citizens present agreed that a theme would be a good idea.

Motion: Breitling-Probst to have the Newspaper publicize the need for a theme. Motion carried unanimously.

It was also suggested that a small note be included with the Chamber of Commerce report which is mailed out regularly. Jim Snell stated that if it were ready by the 20th, it could be ready for the NCRC March meeting. The Commission members also discussed the possibility of having a logo. Mr. Warren stated that the logo for the City had been very inexpensive to obtain.

Old Business:

Mr. Breitling, reporting for the Finance Committee, stated they will attempt to get copies of an extensive list of finance programs which the Portland Redevelopment Commission has.

New Business:

Mr. Breitling questioned what was happening at the library as he had heard some plans were being made. Mr. Warren and Mr. Moorhead responded that the University of Oregon Graduate School of Architecture has chosen the library to use for a design concept, revitalization, and expansion. The final product will be given to the library.

The Commission agreed that the project should be kept advised of the NCRC's plans and progress.

Motion: Breitling-Moffat to adjourn. Carried unanimously.