

MINUTES OF
NEWBERG CENTENNIAL REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
BUDGET COMMITTEE

Monday, 7:30 PM

Council Chambers

April 29, 1985

Members Present:

Commission

LeRoy Benham
Bruce Breitling
Elvern Hall
Alan Halstead
Quentin Probst

Budget

Rick Rementeria
Gary Baldwin
Bill Vaughn
John Gotter
Marty Trolan

Members Absent:

Hal Grobey
Art Moffat

Dorothy Johnson
Terry Mahr

Others Present:

Mike Warren, Executive Director of NCRC
Clay Moorhead, Executive Secretary of NCRC
Rick Faus, City Attorney
Brenda Stroud, City Finance Director
Arvilla Page, City Recorder
Peggy Campbell, Interim Downtown Coordinator
Sam Zanghi, President Newberg Downtown Assoc.
Roger Gano, Councilman
Don Skie, Local Businessman
Gary Baldwin, Local Businessman
Dee Dee Harrington and Mike Fagan, members of
the press

The meeting was called to order by NCRC Chair LeRoy Benham, and the roll was taken.

City Attorney Faus explained the rules governing the budget process and stated the first order of business would be to elect a Chairman and Recording Secretary.

John Gotter was elected Chair unanimously on a motion by Rementeria and Halstead.

Richard Rementeria was elected Recording Secretary unanimously on a motion by Probst and Vaughn.

Executive Director, Mike Warren, presented the Budget Message. The Committee then reviewed the proposed 1985-86 Budget.

On the line item setting aside money for a future bond issue, Mr. Vaughn stated that we cannot wait the five years to do something about the downtown area. He indicated that as much money as possible should be placed within the bond reserve in order to begin downtown improvements sooner.

Mr. Warren agreed that we should not wait five years to do something about the downtown area. He commented that by placing money within a special projects account, funds could be used to attract new businesses and industry to the area, which will also help to upgrade the downtown

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area by providing additional tax revenue and jobs within the Urban Renewal Area. Mr. Moorhead cited an example where incentive money could be used to attract new business or industry.

Sam Zanghi stated that he was speaking on behalf of the Newberg Downtown Association (NDA). He indicated that NDA has requested that NCRC match money currently being collected from the downtown merchants to fund a Main Street Program within the city. He indicated that NDA has requested matching funds not to exceed \$20,000. He stated that the Main Street Program has proven to be successful in helping to revitalize downtowns nationwide. He also commented that the downtown cannot wait another five years before something is done to help revitalize the area. The Main Street Program would help to provide economic restructuring, provide merchant and city agency coordination, provide support for promotions and special events in the downtown area, and provide design assistance for facade renovation and signage in the downtown area.

Peggy Campbell, Interim Downtown Coordinator, supported the comments of Mr. Zanghi, and indicated that over \$1 million in investment and hundreds of jobs were created through the Main Street Program in other cities within Oregon this last year.

Mr. Allyn Brown stated that he has never before seen as much cohesiveness with the downtown merchants. He indicated that many of the merchants are very optimistic about the Main Street Program and the overall goals to revitalize the downtown area.

Mr. Benham commented that the Agency is currently in the midst of preparing a Traffic/Downtown Development Plan which will be used to identify improvements and strategies for upgrading the downtown area.

The Budget Committee then discussed the option of placing the dollars identified within the Special Projects line item into a Contingency Reserve Account. In order for the funds to be used for special projects, a budget transfer would have to occur back from the Contingency Reserve Account into a Special Projects Account or other account. A transfer would have to be made within a public meeting and could be done sometime in the future, when the funds are actually needed.

Mr. Rementeria pointed out that some budgeted items are never spent if they are not actually needed or if other alternatives become available during the year.

The Finance Director asked that \$50 be left in the line item entitled "Special Projects" to allow for contingency reserve funds to be transferred at a later date.

Motion: Rementeria-Baldwin to move \$64,950 from line item "Special Projects" to the Contingency Account and that the Budget Committee of the NCRC shall act on any transfers from the Contingency Account. Carried unanimously by those present.

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Motion: Breitling-Rementería to recommend approval of the NCRC 1985-86 Budget, as amended. Carried unanimously.

Motion: Rementería-Gotter to adjourn. Carried unanimously.

Richard Rementería
Recording Secretary