



Newberg Urban Renewal Agency Citizen Advisory Committee
April 17, 2024-5pm Newberg
Public Library Austin Room 503 E.
Hancock St.

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Molly Olson, Jim Talt, Philip Higgins, Daniel Heister,
Jennifer Bean, Matthew Smith, Bubba King

Staff Present:

Clay Downing, Jeremiah
Cromie, Emily Salsbury

Absent:

Dawn Paulson (excused), Jillian Daley-Ex-Officio

COMMITTEE
BUSINESS:

Molly Olson discussed that meetings will move from Wednesdays to last Thursdays of the month starting in June. Concerns were discussed about it not being realistic for some and further discussion will be required.

Chair Olson also brought up that the next meeting in May will be a tour of the Newberg Urban Renewal Agency (NURA) area. This will be a driving tour featuring the Mill Site and the surrounding neighborhoods. The date of May 13th from 5-6pm was selected and there will need to be some planning of carpooling and members to confirm attendance.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES:

Skipped approval of Minutes due to CAC not receiving meeting minutes for review.

PRESENTATIONS:

Newberg Planning Staff member Jeremiah Cromie gave a presentation of the Newberg Urban Plan Overview.

Jeremiah Cromie started with the start of Urban Renewal, some history, goals of urban renewal and what falls within this boundary.

The presentation touched on the following:

Goals of Urban Renewal

- A. Economic Development
- B. Livability & Development
- C. Riverfront Area
- D. Downtown Area
- E. Administration

Maps of the areas for Urban Renewal Projects were reviewed.

Post Presentation discussion of the Agency included:

- Material costs post-pandemic have increased by at least 30%.
- Newberg has a 156 acre deficit for industrial development
- The Mill Site was discussed briefly with Clay reporting the EPA evaluation found no concerns and the site owner is working with DEQ on voluntary cleanup
- Molly reminded the agency that their goal is to make the best use of what Newberg already has and make that the priority.
- Creating a scoring rubric for projects to help make priority decisions for competing projects.
- Best practices for Tax Increment Financing in Oregon

The Agency was encouraged to think about the presented goals and how they can help bring good changes if needed to apply to the projects at hand. They were also encouraged to bring examples of successful Urban Renewal areas in other cities.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment

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Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

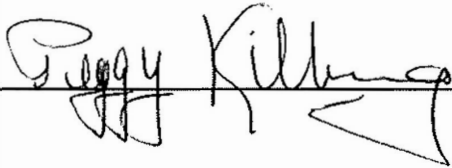
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Will Worthey (CM / NURA administrator)

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ATTEST:

Peggy Kilburg City Councilor / NURA Commissioner)

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