

MINUTES

Warrenton Urban Renewal Advisory Committee

March 4, 2020

3:30 p.m.

Warrenton City Hall – Commissioners Room

225 S. Main

Warrenton, OR 97146

called the meeting to order at 2:28 p.m.

Urban Renewal Advisory Committee Members Present: Tess Chedsey, Bob Bridgens, Mel Jasmin, Frida Fraunfelder, Gerald Poe, and Katie Burkhart
Excused: Dennis Faletti

Staff Present: Community Development Director Kevin Cronin and Secretary Lindsay Duarte

Frida Fraunfelder welcomed new board member Katie Burkhart and suggested everyone introduce themselves; everyone introduced themselves.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – 12.04.19

Tess Chedsey made the motion to approve the minutes from 12.04.19. The motion was seconded and approved with all in favor.

Jasmin- aye; Burkhart – aye Chedsey – aye Bridgens- aye, Fraunfelder – aye, Poe - aye

BUSINESS

Frida Fraunfelder noted that Dan Jackson is no longer on the board and a new chair will need to be elected. She asked for nominations for a new chair to finish out the year. She further explained the reasoning behind the early nomination. Tess Chedsey nominated Frida Fraunfelder for chair. Bob Bridgens nominated Gerald Poe. There were no other nominations.

Tess Chedsey made the motion to close the nomination process. There were no objections.

A vote was taken on the two nominated committee members:

Tess- Frida, Poe- himself, Frida- Herself, Katie – Frida, Bob Bridgens - Poe, Mel Jasmin- Poe

Ms. Fraunfelder noted a tie breaker. A brief conversation continued. Consensus was Ms. Fraunfelder would chair this meeting, and Mr. Poe would Chair the next meeting. The committee will conduct another vote for chair for the next term.

Mr. Cronin announced that in Mr. Stelzig's absence he doesn't have anything to report. He suggested having Mr. Stelzig send out a brief bullet point summary on the current projects to the

committee. There was a consensus.

Mr. Cronin reported on the Façade Grant Program. He brought in the new signs that were made and explained how the signs will be displayed to promote projects that are being funded by the Urban Renewal Agency (URA). He gave a brief progress report on the current Façade Grant projects. Ms. Burkhart asked what the budget was for the grant program. Mr. Cronin explained the different funding options. Ms. Fraunfelder noted that the program is generating more attention and she thinks it's great. Mr. Bridgens asked Mr. Cronin for a list of businesses that have used and applied for the Façade Grant. Mr. Cronin noted that the businesses before his tenure he would have to try and dig up. A brief contribution of what other members remember were contributed.

Mr. Cronin distributed content on the Diamond in the Rough Grant -due in May. He explained that the Fenton Building needs many renovations and repairs beyond the amount of money the Façade Grant can provide. He continued to explain the Diamond in the Rough Grant and how it could benefit the Fenton Building. He continued to explain the process and the type of repairs that are planned for the Fenton Building. Tess Chedsey inquired about the historic aspect of the building. Mr. Cronin explained. Mr. Bridgens asked if they have a current Facade Grant. Mr. Cronin stated yes, but it barely covers the cost of the paint due to the size of the building. Mr. Bridgens asked where the money comes from. Mr. Cronin explained. Conversation continued on the Fenton Grocery Building.

Mr. Cronin explained the Simonson lot. He noted that he met with Mark Simonson to discuss the Feasibility Grant and future development of the Simonson lot. Mr. Simonson explained how he obtained the property. He continued to explain his current thoughts on how he could develop the property; a business at the bottom and apartments on top, making a conference room, or office spaces available to rent. He noted that Mr. Cronin approached him about anchor businesses and other options for developing. Mr. Simonson explained his concern about making a huge space downstairs is if the business fails he will be out a renter. He asked the Urban Renewal Advisory Board their thoughts on the matter. Ms. Fraunfelder asked if Mr. Simonson had given thought to low-income housing. Mr. Cronin noted the Feasibility Grant. He explained how the grant would help develop a vision for developing the lot. Conversation continued. Mr. Cronin noted that he will keep this as an agenda item until there is no reason to continue to talk about it. Mr. Bridgens noted his concerns. Mr. Simonson clarified his intent for attending this meeting. Conversation continued. Mr. Bridgens asked Mr. Cronin for clarification about a statement he made last meeting. Mr. Cronin clarified and noted it was in regard to the Feasibility Study.

Public Parking Lot: Mr. Cronin noted that Big River Construction gave a ballpark estimate of \$80,000.00 for paving. He continued to note that late March, early April, the agency will be presented with the information. Ms. Burkhart asked how the food trucks are doing. Mr. Cronin stated that Sasquatch ran into issues with power poles. Until that is taken care of they are on hold. He continued to discuss the direction given by the agency for the food pods. Brief conversation continued.

Mr. Cronin noted the downtown landscaping and ribbon cutting; once we solidify a date, we will send out an invite. The idea was to have the ribbon cutting during a time when everything is in bloom. He stated he would like the board to attend and celebrate.

Mr. Cronin introduced Morgan Murray, RARE Participant. Ms. Murry introduced the Sunday Streets project. She explained the concept of Sunday Streets and presented in depth the four main goals of this event. She noted we are partnering with the Chamber of Commerce and the date of the event would be Sunday August 9, right before the Regatta. She gave details about the route. Mr. Cronin noted we are not asking for any formal support, but if you are looking to volunteer or have questions to contact Morgan Murry. Conversation continued.

Other business:

Chair Fraunfelder asked Ms. Burkhart if she has any questions. She stated not at the moment, but she anticipates that she may in the future.

Mr. Bridgens requested to get an update from Mr. Stelzig on where we are with the street light project.

Mr. Jasmin asked about people driving through unauthorized areas on scooters. He voiced his concern about the article in the Colombia press regarding the city not being able to prevent people from destroying all the hard work.

There being no further business, Frida Fraunfelder adjourned the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

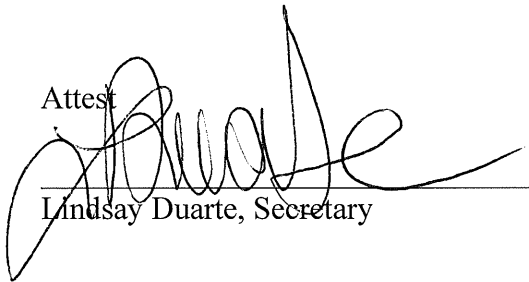
Next regular meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2020, at 3:30 p.m.

Approved



Gerald Poe, Chair

Attest



Lindsay Duarte, Secretary