

MINUTES

COLUMBIA GATEWAY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
and URBAN RENEWAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
OF
MARCH 15, 2010

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON

PRESIDING: Chair Nikki Lesich

AGENCY PRESENT: Bill Dick, Jim Wilcox, Dan Spatz, Brian Ahier

AGENCY ABSENT: Carolyn Wood

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PRESENT: None

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ABSENT: Ken Farner, Jesse Birge, Dan Ericksen, Chris Zukin, Richard Elkins, Gary Grossman, Diana Bailey, Ben Hoey

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Nolan Young, City Attorney Gene Parker, City Clerk Julie Krueger, Community Development Director Dan Durow

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lesich at 7:11 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted by City Clerk Krueger; Wood absent. No Urban Renewal Advisory Committee members attended the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Spatz and seconded by Ahier to approve the agenda as amended, by moving Action Item VII, A, to follow Audience Participation. The motion carried unanimously, Wood absent.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

ACTION ITEMS

Approve Recommendation Regarding Wonderworks Museum Grant

Community Development Director Durow introduced Eric Nerdin who presented the staff report. Paul Newberg showed a drawing of the museum concept when it would be completed. He said the total project would cost approximately \$650,000, but that approval of this grant would bring the museum to approximately 30% funded, which would then allow them to seek larger foundation grants.

In response to a question, Mr. Newberg said fund raising events had been conducted, mail and telephone campaigns, local business donations, and a radio campaign was being worked on. He said the museum had plans to rent a small portion of the building and to have a gift shop, both generating revenues for sustainability of the museum. Newberg said there was a plan to fence the parking lot along the railroad tracks.

It was moved by Ahier and seconded by Wilcox to approve the request by Wonderworks Children's Museum for a \$35,387 grant as submitted, contingent upon obtaining required permits related to the renovation activities listed in Phase I. The motion carried unanimously, Wood absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2009

It was moved by Wilcox and seconded by Spatz to approve the minutes of December 14, 2009, as presented. The motion carried unanimously, Wood absent.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Lesich recessed the meeting to Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (e) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

Reconvene to Open Session

The meeting reconvened to open session at 7:53 p.m.

DECISIONS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION


It was moved by Spatz and seconded by Ahier to authorize staff to expend up to \$550,000 for purchase of property in the block between Washington and Court Streets and First and Second Streets. The motion carried unanimously, Wood absent.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Submitted by/
Julie Krueger, MMC
City Clerk

SIGNED: 
~~Nick Lesich, Chair~~
James L. Wilcox, Chair

ATTEST: 
Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk