

Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Advisory Committee Minutes

**Tuesday, June 2, 2009
5:30 PM**

City Hall Council Chambers
313 Court Street
The Dalles, OR 97058
Conducted in a handicap accessible room.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ericksen called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present members: Dan Ericksen, Dick Elkins, Gary Grossman, Chris Zukin
Absent members: Jesse Birge, Ken Farner, Bill Dick
Staff present: Gene Parker, City Attorney, Denise Ball, Planning Tech.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Ericksen led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Chris Zukin moved to approve the agenda and Grossman seconded. The motion carried unanimously, Farner, Dick, and Birge absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Ericksen asked if there were any corrections or additions needed for the minutes of April 22, 2009. Grossman moved to approve the minutes as submitted and Zukin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, Farner, Dick, and Birge absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Fire Marshall Dan Hammel told the Commission that Diane Bailey was unable to be at the meeting due to her mother's illness. Ms. Bailey will be representing the Mid Columbia Fire and Rescue District on the Urban Renewal Advisory Committee effective June 11, 2009.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Ericksen read the rules for the Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(E) at 5:40 pm. The Committee reconvened to Open Session at 5:55 pm.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 1. Chris Zukin moved to recommend that the Agency approve the cost of an appraisal, up to \$5,000, on property located at 201 Washington. Dick Elkins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, Farner, Dick, and Birge absent.

Item 2. Gary Grossman moved to recommend to the Agency Board signature of the proposed loan agreement with Discovery Development/Quenett Winery. Chris Zukin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, Farner, Dick, and Birge absent.

ACTION ITEM/RECOMMENDATION

City Attorney Parker presented the Staff Report regarding the Wasco Warehouse Building demolition. He explained that the Property Rehab. Grant and Loan Program provides for the removal of blight up to \$50,000 for the demolition of structures within the district. It has been estimated that the cost of this demolition will be between \$80-90,000. The program provides the money to the property owner as a loan that will be forgiven if the property owner constructs new improvements on the property within three years. If the Urban Renewal Advisory Committee recommends this action, three quotes for demolition will be obtained. Those quotes would then be brought to the Agency Board for award.

Dick Elkins moved to recommend the expenditure of funds in excess of \$50,000 for the demolition of the Wasco Warehouse Building and direct staff to proceed with obtaining quotes to be brought to the Agency Board for Award. Chris Zukin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, Farner, Dick, and Birge absent.

Planning Technician Ball added that the demolition had gone before the Historic Landmarks Commission several years earlier.

ON-GOING PROJECTS

Mr. Parker said the pre-bid for the East Gateway/Brewery Grade roundabout will be held on June 3rd in the City Council chambers. The bid opening is scheduled for June 16th.

The Urban Renewal Plan Amendment will go before the City Council on June 8th.

Chair Ericksen asked when the demolition of the Wasco Warehouse building will take place. He suggested that the demolition debris could be used for fill in the construction of the roundabout. City Attorney Parker says he assumes it will be before the construction of the roundabout.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, June 16, 2009 but there is nothing on the Agenda at this time. Chair Ericksen said he will not be in attendance. Dick Elkins thanked Gene Parker for handling the meeting and being so well prepared.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Denise Ball, Planning Tech.

Dan Ericksen, Chair