



Urban Renewal Agency Minutes

Monday, January 24, 2022, 12:00 PM

- SPECIAL MEETING -

Council Chambers

203 Main Avenue East- Twin Falls, Idaho

Members: Rudy Ashenbrener, Andy Hohwieler, Dan Brizee, Jan Rogers, Alexandra Caval, JJ McBride, Dave McAlindin

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Chair Ashenbrener called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM. A quorum was present.

Present: Jan Rogers, Rudy Ashenbrener, Andy Hohwieler, Alexandra Caval, Dave McAlindin, JJ McBride, Dan Brizee

Absent: None

Staff Present: Lorrie Bauer, Administrative Assistant; Jesse Schuerman, Staff Engineer; Travis Rothweiler, City Manager & Interim URA Executive Director; Jonathan Spendlove, Planning & Zoning Director; Meghan Conrad, Special Counsel; Ruth Pierce, City Council Liaison; Don Hall, County Commissioner

2) Conflict of Interest Declaration

None.

3) Consent Calendar

- a) Request to approve 1) Minutes for December 13, 2021 meeting; 2) December 2021 Financial Report; 3) January 2022 Accounts Payable.

MOTION: Jan Rogers moved to approve the consent calendar. Andy Hohwieler seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 7 to 0.

4) Reports/Updates

- a) Executive Director's Report

Interim Executive Director Rothweiler reported the following:

Visioning for the Future: Planning for a new revenue allocation is in progress. Previous meeting activities and results were shared. Ideas for the new area included a convention center, continued development on Main Avenue, assistance with relocating the 2nds, and traffic calming. Water lines, sewer lines, curb & gutters, sidewalks, fiber optic cable, etc. were also included. A series of reports will be prepared to continue the progress.

Orchard Drive East Area: The eligibility report will be presented at the February meeting.

Annual Report: The 2021 annual report is being prepared and will be introduced at the February meeting.

Parking Structure: The conceptual plan was previously approved by the Agency as well as Planning and Zoning and the City Council. There are potential changes to the design that may be requested as they are working on the properties closer to 2nd & Shoshone. Bill Truax and the 102 Main Avenue Group will continue to work together to make sure all parties are in concert as the project requires the ownership to agree to what is being constructed throughout the entire block.

5) Items of Consideration

- a) Consideration of a request from the Children's Museum of the Magic Valley for a 60-day extension to supply their funding plan.
Travis presented the request on behalf of the Children's Museum.
MOTION: Dan Brizee moved to accept the request for a 60-day extension on their financing plan. Alexandra Caval seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.
- b) Request to approve an allocation of up to \$5,850 for replacement of 13 trees that were removed as part of the 2016 Downtown Joint Utility Upgrade project in RAA #4-1.
Wendy Davis explained the request. Due to the City's tree ordinance, the Agency needs to replace the 13 trees that were removed due to project requirements. Since the trees cannot be put in the same place they were removed from, the Agency asked to attempt to put the trees back into the RAA 4-1 district, as a first choice. Discussion ensued.
MOTION: Jan Rogers moved to approve an allocation up to, not to exceed, \$5,850 for the replacement of 13 trees that were removed as part of the 2016 Downtown Joint Utility Upgrade project in RAA #4-1. Dan Brizee seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.
- c) Consider approval of an engagement letter submitted by Elam & Burke for the scope of services relating to a proposed new revenue allocation area (Orchard Drive East Project).
Meghan Conrad shared the purpose of the engagement letter and the costs involved. Discussion ensued.
MOTION: Andy Hohwieler moved to approve the engagement letter submitted by Elam & Burke for the scope of services relating to a proposed new revenue allocation area, Orchard Drive East. Dave McAlindin seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 7 to 0.
- d) Request to approve Kushlan Associates Task Order #2 for an Eligibility Report and Economic Feasibility Report relating to a proposed new revenue allocation area (Orchard Drive East Project).
Megan Conrad explained the task request and anticipated costs. Discussion ensued.
MOTION: Jan Rogers moved to approve the Kushlan Associates Task Order #2 for an eligibility study and economic feasibility report relating to the proposed new revenue allocation area, Orchard Drive East project. JJ McBride seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 7 to 0.

6) General Input/Announcements - Public/Staff

Commissioner Brizee questioned if the URA could spend money on enhancing the overall beauty of city-owned parking lots and properties. Counselor Conrad answered yes, the Agency and City can participate in joint projects to improve public space. Discussion ensued.

7) Upcoming Meeting(s)

- a) Monday, February 14, 2022

8) Adjournment

MOTION: JJ McBride moved to adjourn. Dave McAlindin seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.



Lorrie Bauer, Administrative Assistant