



Urban Renewal Agency Minutes

Monday, April 11, 2022, 12:00 PM

Council Chambers
203 Main Avenue East- Twin Falls, Idaho

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

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

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

Absent: None

Staff Present: Lorrie Bauer, Administrative Assistant; Brent Hyatt, Assistant Finance Director; Jesse Schuerman, Staff Engineer; Travis Rothweiler, City Manager & Interim URA Executive Director; Jonathan Spendlove, Planning & Zoning Director; and Ruth Pierce, City Council Liaison

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

2) Conflict of Interest Declaration

Commissioner McBride declared a conflict of interest with Item 5b and will abstain from voting.

3) Consent Calendar

- a) Request to approve 1) Minutes for the March 14, 2022, meeting; 2) March 2022 Financial Report; and 3) April 2022 Accounts Payable.

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

4) Reports/Updates

- a) Executive Director's Report

City Manager & Interim Executive Director Rothweiler reported the following:

The 2021 Annual Report has been presented to the City Council and filed with the State as required by law and is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk as well as on the website.

In the coming months, the Agency will be preparing to close out Area 4-1 and creating a new area in which an eligibility study will need to be completed.

Bethany Bell, President of the Children's Museum of the Magic Valley, will be presenting the funding report next.

The parking structure is still in the design phase. Representatives from the Galena Group, the 102 Main Group, and two members of the Agency executive board met to discuss the project in depth. A sky pedestrian bridge is currently being discussed and researched. Rothweiler

remains optimistic that the project will begin prior to the close of Area 4-1. The sky bridge does not modify any pieces already approved by the Agency. Contingencies will be developed for the \$2M that the Agency has committed to the parking structure as well as other potential projects as the budget committee plans for the next fiscal year.

- b) Children's Museum of the Magic Valley - Funding Plan
Bethany Bell, President of the Children's Museum of the Magic Valley, summarized the funding plan that was included in the packet. Currently in the silent phase of their capital campaign, they have raised 3.39% of their \$12M goal. The timeline for funding is fluid at this time and conversations are being held across the region to tap into available opportunities. They are hoping to have \$9M secured prior to completing the next phase of design, and then move right into the building phase.
- c) 2nd Avenue Parking Structure Update
This item was covered in the Executive Director's Report above.

5) Items of Consideration

- a) Consider approval of selected art for the continuation of the "*Magic of the Valley*" mural on the alley wall of City Hall and direct staff to present it to the City Council for approval to proceed.
Mike Youngman of the URA Downtown Arts Subcommittee introduced the selected art by Matt Sunderman, artist of the "*Magic of the Valley*" mural, for continuation on the alley wall of City Hall. The funding will come from the URA Downtown Arts fund.
MOTION: JJ McBride motioned for approval of the selected art for the continuation of the "*Magic of the Valley*" mural on the alley wall of City Hall and for staff to proceed. Dave McAlindin seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.
- b) Consider approval of the Twin Falls Public Art Tour sign and direct staff to present it to the City Council for approval to proceed.
Carolyn White of the URA Downtown Arts Subcommittee introduced the Twin Falls Public Art Tour sign. The sign will be approximately 4'x4' and include a QR code and a map of public art locations. The sign is proposed to be located on the Hansen Street side of the Commons restroom building. The QR code will link to a database at the Twin Falls Public Library for a self-guided tour. This process will be easy to update as new art is introduced in the future. She shared that once the sign is approved, a flyer/hand-out will be printed and available at the Visitor's Center. The funding will come from the URA Downtown Arts fund.
MOTION: Jan Rogers moved to approve the Twin Falls Public Art Tour sign and direct staff to present it to the City Council for approval. Alexandra Caval seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 6 to 0. JJ McBride abstained.
- c) Consider approval of EHM Engineers, Inc. proposal to survey specified parcels to verify and/or correct legal descriptions prior to the conveyance of URA properties to the City in the amount of \$20,500.00
Rothweiler shared that some legal descriptions of agency property that was agreed to be exchanged with the City in lieu of continued payment for the acquisition of the UASB were found to be inaccurate. The surveys will provide clear titles to be transferred to the city. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Andy Hohwieler moved to approve EHM Engineer's proposal to survey specified parcels to verify and/or correct the legal descriptions prior to the conveyance of URA properties to the City in the amount of \$20,500.00. Alexandra Caval seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 7 to 0.

- d) Appoint a Budget Committee (3 volunteers) to review the 2022-23 budget. Hyatt prefaced the purpose of the budget committee. Commissioners Brizee, McBride, and Caval were appointed to serve as the budget committee for the 2022-23 budget year. Rogers volunteered as an alternate.

6) General Input/Announcements - Public/Staff

Rothweiler thanked the newly created budget committee and explained the upcoming process. Discussion ensued.

7) Upcoming Meeting(s)

- a) Monday, May 9, 2022 @ 12:00 pm

8) Executive Session

- a) Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1)(c) to acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency.

(The meeting will not return to open session.)

MOTION: JJ McBride moved to continue in executive session. Jan Rogers seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 7 to 0. The public portion of the meeting ended at 12:48 PM. No final actions or decisions will be made during this session.

9) Adjournment

MOTION: JJ McBride moved to adjourn. Andy Hohwieler seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion, approved 7 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 01:22 PM.



Lorrie Bauer, Administrative Assistant