



Project Oversight Subcommittee

January 29, 2018

Meeting Notes

The Main Avenue Project Oversight Subcommittee of the Urban Renewal Agency held a meeting on Monday, January 29, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall, 203 Main Avenue E, CR#317.

Present: Neil Christensen, Rudy Ashenbrener, Suzzane Cawthra, Nathan Murray, and Jesse Schuerman.

Purpose: Discuss project budget and potential added features to Main Avenue.

Nathan updated the group on the bylaws and the purpose of the committee as there were two new members since we last met. Nathan updated the group on the property at 160 Main Ave E (the Youth Ranch Bldg) and some of the inspections that have taken place since closing on the building in December. Staff has exercised their existing contract with Gary Bowlin of EHM to provide a structural analysis of the building.

One of the requirements, in addition to doing a structural analysis, will be to look at the environmental conditions of the building, including inspecting for hazardous materials. Staff has solicited two separate bids to do this work. One from MTI Inspection for \$7,668.98 and another from PTI for \$2,300. Both firms are out of Boise. The subcommittee elected to use PTI so long as Jesse could verify that the agency was receiving like services since there was a large cost difference. Jesse will verify that the two companies were testing for the same things and it was an "apples-to-apples" bid (ie paint, lab fees, etc.). Also, would PTI be charging a per diem like MTI.

Staff also proposed the purchase of Armour Stone Security Barrier Planters from a local firm, Cavali Corp, instead of using bollards on Main Avenue and around the Downtown Commons. The planters were much more attractive and provide better security. There would be a slight cost savings from not installing bollards but the planters are more expensive. In proposed contract, Mr. Caval stated he would provide 10 additional planters with the agency's order at a per unit cost of \$2,650 if we ordered at least 10. The subcommittee voted to do the change order and buy the planters if staff would verify that the Twin Falls City Park Department would maintain the plants going forward similar to how they maintain the planters on Shoshone.

Notes taken by Nathan Murray.