



Urban Renewal Agency Meeting Notes

Thursday, October 11, 2018, 3:30 PM

- SPECIAL MEETING -
Downtown Arts Subcommittee

City Hall - Room 116, Overflow
203 Main Avenue East- Twin Falls, Idaho

Members: Dexter Ball, Perri Gardner, Suzzane Cawthra, Rudy Ashenbrener, Cindy Bond, Andy Hohwieler, Doug Vollmer

1) Downtown Arts Subcommittee Members

Present: Leon Smith, Carolyn White, Suzzane Cawthra, Perri Gardner, Curtis Eaton, Dennis Bowyer, Nathan Murray

Absent: Tony Prater, Fran Frost, Marjorie McBride

Others Present: Russell Treymane - Applicant

3) Discussion:

- The Applicant, Russell Treymane, explained the concept for building a functional kiosk and seating area within the park next to the Historic Grain Elevators. The park would highlight the history of agriculture and food production in the Historic Warehouse District.
- Plans were drawn up by architect Harold Gerber before he passed away and have been in possession of Mr. Treymane since 2012.
- Mr. Treymane has taken these plans and received bids for the necessary work. He asked the Arts Subcommittee for a donation of \$12,500 to construct a masonry wall as Phase 1 of the project. Phase 2 would be the kiosk and bench which would come at a later date. The donation would be roughly 1/3 the overall cost.
- Committee member questioned whether the wall constituted art and wondered why Mr. Treymane wanted to spend this amount of money to celebrate silos.
- The committee debated the merits of historical interpretations as art.
- Committee member recommended that Mr. Treymane start with the kiosk and bench first then add the wall second.
- When asked about the other sources of funding, and the involvement of Preservation Twin Falls, Mr. Treymane explained the balance of maintaining the silos, the need for a new roof, and the donation of in-kind materials and services from the community.
- The committee then discussed the amount remaining to be spent on art which is approx. \$46,000, and the priority of this request versus others.
- The committee expressed that this could be a great project, but they see it more as a redevelopment project than art, and the TFURA was involved early on with the development of the park.
- The committee then debated public art installation vs. redevelopment projects.
- The committee suggested that Mr. Treymane firm up his plan and bids and make a request of the Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency Board to appropriate funds for the project as redevelopment activity.
- The majority of the committee agreed to deny the request of Mr. Treymane. They suggested to encourage the TFURA Board to complete the project that they started over 10 years ago and work with Mr. Treymane.

Nathan Murray, Executive Director TFURA