

MINUTES

URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
313 COURT STREET, THE DALLES, OREGON

April 30, 2012

Presiding: Chair Chuck Covert

Committee
Members Present: Bill Dick, Dan Spatz, Jim Wilcox, Tim McGlothlin, Carolyn Wood, Gary
Grossman

Committee
Members Absent: Brian Ahier, Richard Elkins, Gary Honald, Jerry Jeffers, Chris Zukin

Staff Present: City Manager Nolan Young, City Clerk Julie Krueger, Finance Director Kate
Mast, Community Development Director Dan Durow

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of a Chair

It was moved by Wilcox and seconded by Wood to elect Chuck Covert as Chair. Hearing no further nominations, Covert was unanimously elected Chair.

Election of a Secretary

It was moved by Wilcox and seconded by Wood to elect Tim McGlothlin as secretary. Hearing no further nominations, McGlothlin was unanimously elected secretary.

BUDGET MESSAGE

Community Development Director Durow reviewed the budget message, goals, projects, and highlights.

Spatz asked where the proposed Mill Creek trail would end. Durow said it would end at the cul-de-sac at the Oil Can Henry's property.

Wilcox asked why additional money was budgeted for Granada upgrades. Durow said in order to make the building functional, work needed to be done on the HVAC, electrical and plumbing in the building.

In response to a question, Durow said private property owners within the District could apply for grants to complete architectural design for facade work or projects that would add value and life to buildings. He said there was also an interest rate buy down loan program. Durow said a grant program was available for public, civic, and non-profit groups.

McGlothlin said there was one building on the east side of the downtown that was in terrible condition and asked if they could be helped to make improvements through one of the Urban Renewal programs. Durow said he had been told the building was not worth saving, but that it would qualify for a loan if the owner was interested.

Wilcox said the City needed to clean up the Granada Block if it was not going to be developed in the near future. City Manager Young said it was not expected to remain in public ownership for very long.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Public Comment

Steve Lawrence, 222 West 12th Street, The Dalles, said with a proposed parking structure included in both the City and Urban Renewal budgets, staff should provide the information to the Veteran's group and said the public had a right to know what the plans were.

Lawrence updated the Committee on the Civic Auditorium, saying they were ready to begin a capital campaign. He said the study and sustainability plans had been completed and they hoped to raise enough funding to complete the theater. Lawrence said he hoped to have financial support from government entities as well as private donations. He asked that the Committee consider funding to complete the Civic Auditorium theater project. In response to a question, Lawrence said the estimated cost of the project was between \$3 and \$3.5 million.

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APPROVAL OF BUDGET

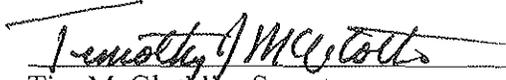
It was moved by Grossman and seconded by McGlothlin to approve the 2012-13 fiscal year Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal budget with changes recommended by staff. The motion carried unanimously, Ahier, Elkins, Honald, Jeffers, and Zukin absent.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Submitted by/
Julie Krueger, MMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Tim McGlothlin, Secretary