

MINUTES

COLUMBIA GATEWAY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

REGULAR MEETING
OF
APRIL 23, 2012

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON

PRESIDING: Chair Jim Wilcox

AGENCY PRESENT: Bill Dick, Carolyn Wood, Dan Spatz, Brian Ahier, Tim McGlothlin

AGENCY ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Nolan Young, City Attorney Gene Parker, City Clerk Julie Krueger, Community Development Director Dan Durow

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wilcox at 6:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted by City Clerk Krueger; all members present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Spatz requested the Board add a discussion item regarding downtown building vacancies.

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as amended to include a discussion regarding downtown vacancies. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Dick to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2011 and January 9, 2012 agency meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Property Rehabilitation Grant

The staff report was reviewed by Eric Nerdin.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Spatz to approve the request for a \$13,650 grant to Wonderworks Children's Museum as submitted contingent on obtaining required permits related to completing the upgrade to th electrical system. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Discussion Regarding Downtown Vacant Buildings

Spatz said he asked to have this discussion because of his concern that the downtown seemed to have more and more vacant buildings. He questioned whether the Urban Renewal Agency could help and how they might be able to help.

Ahier said he believed it was appropriate that Urban Renewal help, but it was also important that existing downtown businesses help themselves. He said going downtown in the evening, most of the area businesses were closed.

Chair Wilcox said he had recently been downtown in the evening and there had been several businesses open, though none were retail. He said there were three businesses he was aware of, two new and one relocation that would be happening in the downtown.

City Manager Young said staff would provide a report to the Board regarding ways Urban Renewal may be able to help with the issue.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Submitted by/
Julie Krueger, MMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:


James L. Wilcox, Chair

ATTEST:


Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk