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COLUMBIA GATEWAY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

CITY OF THE DALLES

**Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Agency Advisory Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 27, 2015
5:30 PM**

City Hall Council Chambers
313 Court Street
The Dalles, OR 97058

Conducted in a handicap accessible room.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Grossman called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Gary Grossman, Jennifer Dewey, Steve Kramer, Atha Lincoln, Robin Miles, Linda Miller, John Nelson, Greg Weast

Staff Present: City Manager Nolan Young, City Attorney Gene Parker, Administrative Fellow Daniel Hunter, Administrative Secretary Carole Trautman

Others Present: City of The Dalles Business Development Director Gary Rains, Main Street Director Matthew Klebes

Chair Grossman introduced Northern Wasco County Parks and Recreation Director Phil Lewis. Grossman explained that Lewis agreed to serve as the Urban Renewal Advisory Committee Parks and Recreation Representative, and he was waiting to be appointed by the Parks Board.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Grossman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Grossman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. None were noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lincoln noted that on page 3, paragraph 3, line 4 of the November 25, 2014 minutes, the date of March 31, 2014 should be changed to March 31, 2015. It was moved by Weast and seconded by Nelson to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

The Committee recessed to Executive Session at 5:33 PM. The Committee reconvened to Open Session at 6:25 PM.

ACTION ITEM – Recommendation to Urban Renewal Agency Board Concerning Adoption of Resolution for Minor Amendment #14 to Urban Renewal Plan Adding Thompson Park Pool as an Approved Project

It was moved by Kramer and seconded by Nelson to recommend that the Urban Renewal Agency Board adopt proposed Resolution No. 15-001 approving Minor Amendment No. 14 to the Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Plan, adding the Thompson Park Project as an Urban Renewal Project. The motion carried unanimously.

ONGOING URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS UPDATE

City Manager Young highlighted the following URA project updates:

- Property Rehabilitation projects – There are currently 3 property rehabilitation projects underway: 1) Wonderworks Children’s Museum is in the process of raising the required matching funds; 2) United Church of Christ Congregational Phase II Project work is almost completed. A balance of over \$17,000 still remains, and an invoice should be submitted within the month; and 3) The Civic Auditorium project has a balance of approximately \$33,000 (grant amount \$57, 000) Work continues with the design team on structural and architectural work.
- Granada Block Redevelopment – The December 31, 2014 deadlines were met. \$50,000 was paid, as scheduled. UR staff is currently reviewing plan documents for the viability of the plans. At some point the public portion of the plans will be reviewed by the Committee. The timeline calls for the Agency to determine if the plan is viable by the end of June 2015. The next deadline is scheduled for the end of April 2015 for the submittal of Rapoza’s franchise application.

Parks and Recreation Director Lewis gave an update on the Thompson Park Pool Project. He said the project is on schedule with a completion date of June 13, 2015. Rebar work was completed for the pool shell, and slabs were poured for the chemical shed and the pool house. Lewis listed the amenities that are planned for the project and commented that the park and its amenities will be very visible from Interstate 84.

Chair Grossman indicated that, at a future URAC meeting, there was a need for discussion on who is involved in staff recommendations when they are submitted to the Committee.

Chair Grossman asked Main Street Director Klebes to give a status report on Main Street activities. Klebes stated he had met with 11 different downtown property/business owners regarding the UR Façade Improvement program. One application was submitted recently, and there could be another one submitted by March 2015. He said there was a good amount of interest and appreciation for the UR assistance. Some property owners indicated they would not be considering façade improvements without the assistance of the Urban Renewal Façade Improvement program.

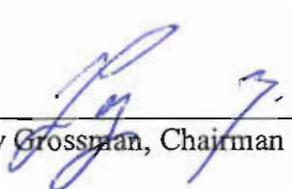
Klebes reported that he and Economic Development Specialist Durow were working on a one-page "All About Energy" information sheet for distribution to property owners that would list UR assistance opportunities.

FUTURE MEETING – February 17, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Grossman adjourned the meeting at 6:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Secretary Carole Trautman.



Gary Grossman, Chairman