

Ashton Urban Renewal Agency
Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2017
Ashton, Idaho

Chairman Sara Bowersox called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

Attendance

Board Members: Sara Bowersox, Mark Chandler, Stacy Dexter, and Teddy Stronks

Visitors: Sara Reinke, Garth Blanchard, and Michelle OMalley

Administrative Support: Katie Cook from ECIPDA

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Teddy Stronks made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 16, 2017. Mark Chandler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consideration of Invoices

Katie Cook presented an invoice from the City of Ashton for \$42.62 for utilities, as well as an invoice from Elam and Burke for \$277.50. There was an invoice that was already approved but needed to be ratified for Henry's Fork Foundation for \$15,995 for the asbestos abatement at their new building. Teddy Stronks made a motion to approve and ratify the invoices presented, Mark Chandler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Walk to Pocket Park

The board walked to the Pocket Park to inspect and discuss future additions.

Project Update and Potential Projects

Pocket Park

1. Phase II

Chairman Sara Bowersox addressed Phase II, there will be work on the shrubs and the plants done by Michelle OMalley. There is a class from the high school that needs to do a service project that will be planting some plants in the Pocket Park. Trees on the west side of the park was discussed as was the option of planting the trees in the sidewalk. This does create more work and disrupts the City's snow removal process which does need to be considered. Further discussion about the trees will be on the next meeting agenda.

2. Garbage Removal and Touch-Up Paint

Teddy Stronks purchased matching paint for the benches and the trash receptacles and he did the needed touch-up paint. The City will take on the responsibility of trash removal at the Pocket Park. It was discussed that a bench and a garbage receptacle at the entrance of the Park need to be moved to allow for better flow.

3. Sidewalk Damage from Dog Derby

Katie Cook is currently trying to contact the insurance with more information on the repairs for the sidewalk damaged from the dog derby. The original contractor, Reed Hill, has not been willing to give a more detailed bid for the insurance claim, so additional contractors will need to be contacted in order to get the insurance company what they are requesting. At the request of the Board, Katie will contact Kevin Virgin and Lyle Rumsey for bids.

4. Sculpture

Several sculpture designs were discussed by the board members, no decisions were made. It was suggested that the community possibly be involved by giving their input on what sculpture is placed in the Park.

5. Discussion of Pocket Park Ownership

At the termination of the Ashton URA, the Pocket Park will have to be deeded to another non-profit entity. Sara Bowersox raised the discussion to transfer the property to the City before the Ashton URA comes to an end. There was discussion on the transfer of the property, but no motion was made.

Future Project Discussion

Sara Bowersox stated that a potential project could be sidewalk maintenance. Another possible project could be to tear down or fix up the wood pavilion in the city park. The board agreed this would be a good project. Sara Bowersox addressed the old Texaco station, as there are many individuals interested in the location. The existing owner has been non-responsive, there are steps that would need to be taken to use the location. DEQ would have to inspect the location and dictate steps needed for a business to occupy the location. Katie Cook suggested the individuals interested in purchasing the property do some background research and come to the Ashton URA with the process needed to purchase and use the property.

Stacy Dexter will contact a manufacture to get bids on the wood pavilion in the city park.

Other Business/Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was set for May 25th at 4:30pm.

Adjournment

Mark Chandler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Teddy Stronks seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

Meeting minutes prepared by Florencia Lambert

Minutes accepted by:

Sara Bowersox, Chairman