

**Ashton Urban Renewal Agency**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 29, 2017**  
**Ashton, Idaho**

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

**Attendance**

*Board Members:* Sara Bowersox, Mark Chandler, Devin Burton, and Teddy Stronks

*Visitors:* Sara Reinke, Garth Blanchard, Michele OMalley, Rick Miller, Nicki Chandler, Cathy Meeks, and Cynthia Atchley

*Administrative Support:* Katie Cook from ECIPDA

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Teddy Stronks made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 25, 2017. Devin Burton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Consideration of Invoices**

Katie Cook suggested ratification on invoices that have already been approved. One from Grover Landscape for \$140 for spring cleanup, another from the City of Ashton in the amount of \$83.10 for utilities, as well as an invoice from Michele OMalley for additional plants and shrubs purchased for the Pocket Park in the amount of \$763.59.

The account balance for Fifth and Main is \$196,256.00.

The account balance for the Historic Highschool and park is \$16,631.88.

**Project Update and Potential Projects**

**Pocket Park**

**1. Phase II**

Chairman Sara Bowersox addressed Phase II, regarding the shade trees on the west side of the park. She stated that Josh Grover with Grover Landscape sent an estimate to put in three trees at \$1,735.97. Mark Chandler made a motion for the approval of three trees to be put in on the west side of the park. Devin Burton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Katie Cook addressed that the lawn mowing contract with Grover Landscape ends in July and there needs to be consideration on if that should be renewed. Devin Burton motioned to continue with Grover Landscape doing the lawn mowing. Teddy Stronks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Sara Bowersox will contact Josh Grover in regard to the three trees as well as continuing the lawn mowing.

**2. Sidewalk Damage from Dog Derby**

Katie Cook addressed a bid from Kevin Virgin Construction for the repair of the sidewalk damage from the Dog Derby. She sent it to the insurance and they replied by agreeing to pay it out. Katie will continue to contact Kevin to get the reconstruction done. The total amount being sent from the insurance adjuster is \$4,473.00.

**3. Sculpture**

Chairman Sara Bowersox stated that she received a sketch for a possible sculpture for the Pocket Park. She presented the sketch to the board and much discussion was had on the different options for the sculpture. Sara also brought up the time capsule from the archives to be a part of this project as a focal point for the future. There was further discussion on this project and whether it can be done before the Solar Eclipse in August. Mark Chandler also contacted a local artist that does bronze sculptures and he will get more information on cost and possible pieces that are already done. A decision was made to have a special meeting to decide exactly what will be used for the sculpture.

**Future Project Discussion**

**4. Wooden Structure at City Park**

Chairman Sara Bowersox introduced Rick Miller from The Development Company to talk to the board about grants for this project. Rick states that one of The Development Company's charters is to assist communities with infrastructure projects. They are certified grant administrators with the State. For this project, they would work with the Department of Commerce to get the funding. Rick explains the things that they like to see in order to get the grant to pass for funding. Devin Burton made a motion to participate in the grant to improve the City Park. Mark Chandler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**5. Skate Park**

Nicki Chandler, a community member, addressed that Ashton does not have a skate park, but she has seen from communities that do have them that so many kids would use it. She then proposed the question "What happened last time a skate park was being considered and can it be considered again?" The board answers with a few different reasons such as money and placement issues. The board encourages her to request the city council meeting minutes in which a skate park was previously discussed as they are a public record. Sara Bowersox explains the process she needs to go through for the Urban Renewal to help financially. The funds that are currently available and will be coming in to the Historic High School/City Park District will go toward the City Park grant project that Rick Miller presented. If the URA participates on that project, there will not be available funds to participate on the skate park project for several years.

**Other Business/Next Meeting Date**

Mayor Teddy Stronks suggests a few new projects in regard to assessing if a business can be placed on the land that the old Texaco was on. Also, paving the "Grand Canyon Hole."

There was also a suggestion to get power in the City Park.

The next meeting was set for July 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:30.

## Adjournment

Teddy Stronks made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mark Chandler seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Meeting minutes prepared by Laine Trost

Minutes accepted by:

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Sara Bowersox, Chairman