

Ashton Urban Renewal Agency

Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2014

Ashton, Idaho

Chairman Jeff Hamilton called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Those attending were Mayor Teddy Stronks, Mary Lou Davis, and Terry Butikofer. Visitors attending were Shaun Shuldberg, Sara Reinke, Letho Whitmore, and Jace Hamilton.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chairman Hamilton asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the January 22, 2014 meeting. No changes were noted and a motion was made by Mary Lou Davis to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Teddy Stronks. The Motion carried.

Executive Session

Mary Lou moved to go into executive session. Teddy Stronks seconded. Teddy moved to move out of the executive session. Mary Lou seconded.

Consideration of Payment of Invoices

Terry Butikofer presented the invoices for payment. President Hamilton moved to approve the payment; Mary Lou seconded. The motion carried.

Presentation of the Audit

Chairman Hamilton presented Net Equity of the Ashton Urban Renewal Agency on page 1 of 10 as \$224,801.00. The URA had more revenue than was budgeted from the catch up of the late property taxes. Most expenses were as expected from the budget. The only major variances were the property tax revenues and legal fees from the Supreme Court.

Mary Lou moved to approve the audit. Teddy Stronks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Urban Renewal Plan Status

Terry Butikofer said that Ryan had heard back from the Tax Commission and is waiting for a letter of acknowledgement. When the acknowledgement is received, the Tax Commission will send a notice to the county about the correction of areas.

Project Update and Potential Projects

Lighting Project

Mayor Stronks provided the board with a project update on the lighting project. Terry ordered the light poles and related equipment from Mountain States Lighting, but they have not been delivered to the City Building yet. Terry will follow up on the equipment status.

Update on Legislation

The emails that were sent out about the Bill and other notices were briefly discussed. The Mayor stated that there is interest every year in the Legislature in what Urban Renewal Agencies are involved in.

Discussion of Annual Report

Terry reported that the annual report was not yet complete for review, but that he would like to get a notice published that it would be available for review soon. Teddy made a motion to allow the Chairman to approve and authorize the annual report outside of a meeting and send it to Terry. Mary Lou seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Once the Resolution to the annual report is passed, Terry will publish in the paper that the report is available for public review at City Hall in Ashton, as well as, at The Development Company Office.

Other Business & Next Meeting Date

Chairman Hamilton summarized the Community Foundations' desires to understand what the Urban renewal is, how it works, and what funding is available. They have started aggressive movement on the pocket park on 5th and Main, which is also in the interest of the agency.

Chairman suggested that the Agency get independent appraisals on the For-Sale parcels of land that are contiguous to Main Street. There are concerns about the old Rigby Memorial building because of its poor condition. It is suggested that it has a negative value and is not worth appraising. All other land is approved for appraisals. Teddy moved to approve going forward with appraisals excluding the Rigby Memorial Building. Mary Lou seconded the movement. Movement passed.

The first step is to get an appraiser and have the evaluations completed within a month and a half to two months. The board shared ideas to involve the community in the improvements. Campaign "Main Street Matters" asked community members to donate. It was suggested that the URA partners with other businesses.

Terry suggested that information concerning Brownfield grants be presented at the next meeting. The thought was that a Brownfield grant may be a tool that could be used in helping to clean up the gas station site. The Agency discussed the possibility of a Family Dollar store being built

with-in the boundaries of the Urban Renewal and what this may mean as far as tax increment financing the could be used by the Urban Renewal Agency.

No meeting date was set at this time. Teddy Stronks moved to adjourn the meeting. Mary Lou seconded the motion, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Meeting minutes accepted by:

Minutes prepared by:

Jeff Hamilton, Chairman

Caitlin Larson