

Ashton Urban Renewal Agency
Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2015
Ashton, Idaho

Mark Chandler called the meeting to order at about 4:35.

Attendance

Mark Chandler, Mayor Teddy Stronks, and Stacy Wynn

Visitors: N/A

Administrative Support: Katie Cook from ECIPDA

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mark Chandler made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 18, 2015. Stacy Wynn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the minutes were approved.

Consideration of Payment of Invoices

Katie reviewed with the Board two invoices needed to be paid. Teddy Stronks made a motion to pay the invoices presented by Katie. Stacy Wynn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Project Update and Potential Projects

Pocket Park Project

The land owner suggested making a counter offer of \$30,000 to get the property. There is a water bill of \$3,000 but that would be paid by the seller at closing. The Board feels comfortable to move forward with a counter offer. Mark will contact the URA's real estate agent to make a formal counter offer.

Stacy Wynn represented Becky Harrigfeld from the City Council in addressing the trees on Main Street which need to be trimmed. The total amount for this project would be about \$2,000-\$4,000. Katie voiced concern that this may not qualify under Urban Renewal projects. Stacy thinks that this is a project to beautify the City. Everyone agreed.

Stacy also mentioned the poor condition of the tennis courts which are not even usable at this time. It is too big for an Eagle Scout project and the cost involved makes it unlikely for one. Stacy spoke with a few individuals who proposed to apply for the same grant that the City of Ucon did for their tennis courts. There is also the US Tennis Association which will sometimes give small grants. The estimated amount of the project is about \$10,000.

Stacy presented a third project idea to add parking at the park. Stacy met with Todd Martindale who handles public works and identified that sprinkler system and water lines are at the edge of the park and would need to be moved to make create parking/ walking area. Katie Cook will check to see if any of these items qualify for Urban Renewal and get back to the Board.

Preliminary Budget Approval

ICRPM Insurance

Copies of the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 were provided and presented to the Board. Katie reviewed the Actual FY 2014, Budget FY 2015, Expected FY 2015, and the Projected FY 2016.

Katie addressed that there was an assumption that Ashton Urban Renewal was covered through the City's ICRMP insurance which is not the case and advised that the URA apply for the coverage. ICRMP (Idaho Counties Risk Management Program) Insurance is a primary source of casualty loss protection for special purpose districts like Ashton Urban Renewal.

Katie Cook asked for a motion to accept adding ICRMP Insurance into the budget. Stacy Wynn made a motion to add ICRMP into the budget. Mark Chandler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Katie asked for a motion to accept the preliminary budget as presented. Mark Chandler made a motion to accept the preliminary budget as presented by Katie Cook. Stacy Wynn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Board Members

Sherry (Ros) is out of town but Mayor Stronks has visited with her about serving as a Board Member. He will follow up with her for the next meeting.

Other Business and Set Next Meeting Date

Next Meeting Date

A public hearing is set for September 10, 2015 to approve the budget. Katie will publish a Notice of Public Hearing to invite public in the next couple of weeks.

Adjournment

Mark Chandler made a motion to adjourn. Teddy Stronks seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting minutes prepared by Katie Cook

Minutes accepted by:

Mark Chandler, Chairman