



CITY OF OREGON CITY URBAN RENEWAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, July 07, 2021 at 6:00 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE URBAN RENEWAL COMMISSION

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Denyse McGriff called the meeting to at 6:02 PM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 7 - Commissioner Denyse McGriff, Commissioner Shawn Cross, Commissioner Rachel Lyles Smith, Commissioner Adam Marl, Commissioner Doug Neeley, Commissioner Frank O'Donnell, and Commissioner Rocky Smith, Jr.

STAFFERS: 4 - City Manager Tony Konkol, City Recorder Kattie Riggs, Economic Development Manager James Graham, and Finance Director Matt Zook

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Betty Mumm, resident of Oregon City, thought the Urban Renewal Commission needed to have an election for the Chair separate from the Urban Renewal Budget Committee. She also thought the Commission should hold a retreat.

Chair McGriff explained the Urban Renewal Commission had elected Chair McGriff as Chair separately from the Urban Renewal Budget Committee Chair.

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Urban Renewal District Draft Vision Statement and Framework for Decision-Making

James Graham, Economic Development Manager, discussed the vision statement background information. Staff was asked to develop a draft vision statement to spur conversation which was provided for this meeting.

Commissioner Smith thought the draft vision statement document was lacking in consideration of the many important projects and how they all relate to the future of the city, especially in the area of tourism.

Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Neeley felt the Urban Renewal Commission should hold a separate retreat to work on the draft vision statement. Chair McGriff and Commissioner Lyles Smith felt the OC2040 work should be utilized in composing the Vision Statement. Chair McGriff liked the three core goals and added an additional item titled "tourism opportunities." There was consensus to hold a retreat.

Commissioner Lyles Smith felt the items provided were more goals than a vision statement. She stated some basic changes to the one sentence statements regarding the goals. Commissioner Lyles Smith had ideas to add to the section regarding livability in the downtown area.

Chair McGriff did not want to be so specific with the goal items and call out specific projects, but use a more generic statement.

Commissioner Neeley felt the Riverwalk project should be included in the draft vision statement.

Commissioner O'Donnell felt the environmental concerns of Clackamette Cove need to be addressed before recreational businesses could be established.

Chair McGriff would like to see an emphasis on living-wage job creation tied to any significant project. Commissioner O'Donnell wanted to be broader when including industries, so that it includes opportunities that have not settled in Oregon City yet.

Commissioner Lyles Smith felt the Commission should look at zoning within the Urban Renewal District area and what the allowable uses are. Commissioner Lyles Smith felt the language regarding living wages needed to be changed to provide a range of incomes and not focus solely on professional jobs.

Nick Veroske, resident of Portland, Oregon, provided comment on the draft vision statement document and felt the document was very adequate as well as expressed support of a potential urban renewal project at the former Rossman Landfill site.

2. Minutes of the June 1, 2021 Urban Renewal Commission Meeting

3. Minutes of the June 2, 2021 Urban Renewal Commission Meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Neeley, seconded by Commissioner Smith, Jr., to approve the meeting minutes of June 1, 2021 and June 2, 2021. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Commissioner McGriff, Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Marl, Commissioner Neeley, Commissioner O'Donnell, and Commissioner Smith, Jr.

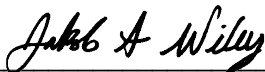
COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair McGriff adjourned the meeting at 6:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jakob Wiley, Assistant City Recorder