

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
TOWN HALL**

January 9, 2018

The minutes of the proceedings of a town hall meeting of the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, held at 5:30 pm in the Dolphin Theater - 580 Newmark Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

Those Attending

Those present were Chair Stephanie Kramer and Board Members Joe Benetti, Lucinda DiNovo, Drew Farmer, Jennifer Groth, Stephanie Kilmer, and Phil Marler. City staff present were City Manager Rodger Craddock, Finance Director Susanne Baker, Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley, Library Director Samantha Pierson, and Police Chief Gary McCullough.

Review and Discussion of the Empire Urban Renewal Plan

URA consultants Elaine Howard and Scott Vanden Bos provided an updated list of Empire Urban Renewal Agency projects completed in the past and a list of identified projects for public input on the approximately \$2 million in remaining indebtedness. Questions responded to included the allowed use of urban renewal funds, possible projects, clarification on the boundaries of the district, and specific uses of facade grants.

The public was provided blue (highest priority) and orange (secondary choices) stickers to place by the projects identified and/or new projects that met the criteria to assist the Agency's decision on next steps. The results of the exercise provided:

15 orange 1 blue - Street Improvements; 16 orange 14 blue - Facade Improvements; 1 orange Public parking lot/area; 9 orange 2 blue - Welcome to historic Empire gateway sign; None for Welcome to historic Empire street side sign; 2 orange - Business index sign; 10 orange 3 blue - Dog park; 6 orange 2 blue - Community garden (lot next to banner bank); 3 orange 3 blue - Combine welcome to historic Empire gateway, street side, and business index signs.

Adjourn

There being no further business Chair Kramer adjourned the Town Hall meeting.



Stephanie Kramer, Chair

Attest:



Drew Farmer, Secretary