

MEETING NOTES

Members Present: Jeb Bladine, Walt Gowell, Kelly McDonald, Rob Stephenson, Wendy Stassens and Marilyn Worrix

Ex-Officio Members Present: Kem Carr and Scott Hill

Members Absent: Ed Gormley and Rebecca Quandt (Ex-officio)

Staff Present: Marcia Baragary, Doug Montgomery and Ron Pomeroy

Guests Present: Jody Christensen (Executive Director, MEDP)

1. Open Meeting / Overview

Chair Walt Gowell opened the meeting at 4:00pm and briefly highlighted the items listed on the meeting's agenda.

2. Action / Information Items

Façade Improvement Grant Applications – The committee reviewed and took action on two façade improvement grant applications as follows:

News Register Property (revision to a previously approved grant to provide a commercial door rather than iron gate at the entrance to the former “Jaycees” space) – Approved unanimously (Jeb Bladine abstained)

Pura Vida (remove and replace an existing awning) – Approved unanimously

Budget Update – Doug Montgomery and Marcia Baragary provided a brief update on the Agency's draft budget that is proposed for the coming fiscal year. In summary, it was noted that the draft had changed somewhat from the proposal presented last to the committee, with the addition of some \$20,000 for “consultant” related expenses. It was further stated that the draft would be presented at the Urban Renewal Budget Committee's public hearing on May 18th.

Use of Funds for Property Marketing Purposes – Led by Jody Christensen and Chair Gowell, the committee discussed the possible use of urban renewal funds for a variety of pre-development services, such as site planning, architectural renderings, environmental review, and other related activities. At the conclusion of this discussion, the committee directed that staff prepare grant or loan concepts designed for providing such services for their review at a subsequent meeting.

3. Future meeting schedule

Chair Walt Gowell noted that the next MURAC meeting is scheduled for 4:00pm, April 4, 2016.

4. Adjournment

There being no other business, Chair Gowell adjourned the meeting at 4:50 pm.

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