

MEETING MINUTES
SISTERS URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY REGULAR MEETING
520 E. CASCADE AVENUE
JULY 22, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Chuck Ryan | Board Chair |
| Nancy Connolly | Board Member |
| Andrea Blum | Board Member |
| Richard Esterman | Board Member |
| Michael Preedin | Board Member |

STAFF PRESENT:

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| Cory Misley | Agency Manager |
| Paul Bertagna | PW Director |
| Kerry Prosser | Agency Recorder |

ABSENT:

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| Joe O'Neill | Finance Officer |
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GUEST:

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| Elaine Howard | Elaine Howard Consulting |
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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Ryan at 7:28 p.m., and roll call was taken.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

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Board Member Connolly made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Board Member Preedin seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

III. AGENCY BUSINESS

A. Review Updated Project List

City Manager Misley reviewed at the previous Urban Renewal Agency (URA) meeting Council had given a head nod to move forward with a new plan duration ending in 2030, which would allow for an additional 4.7 million in potential projects. City Manager Misley met with members of the taxing districts, and staff had tried to reflect their comments on the project list that was before Council tonight. Staff had narrowed the project list from 25 to under ten projects.

City Manager Misley noted the projects had previously been vetted by the community in planning documents such as the Transportation System Plan, the Housing Needs Analysis and Parks Master Plan. The projects were all a high priority for the City and had community benefits. Staff had focused on projects that could be executed in the next 3-8 years. City Manager Misley said the staff was looking for direction from Council to move forward with the proposed project list.

Ms. Howard noted to spend funds on projects they had to be in your plan or added to it. If you wanted to change out any of the projects in the future, it would be a minor amendment to the plan.

Council President Connolly asked if we needed to reeducate the public about the URA process and what we were adding and taking out of the plan. City Manager Misley replied we would do

outreach on projects, but because of the limited duration of the plan, we had not engaged the community with the slate of new projects.

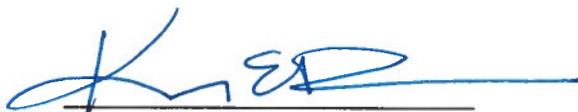
Council President Connolly asked about evaluating the success of the current URA. Ms. Howard said there was no requirement to assess the success of the existing area, but you could build it into the Plan.

Councilor Preedin suggested we add an end analysis of the Plan so we would be able to measure its success. City Manager Misley said we could recommend a report at the end of the duration that would measure both quantitative and qualitative metrics. Mayor Ryan thought an end of Plan report could be memorialized along with the current changes. Ms. Howard said it could be put in the Plan as a requirement.

City Manager Misley had spoken with Fire Chief Johnson, and he voiced concerns that the longer the duration of the plan was extended, the longer the tax was deferred from the taxing districts. City Manager Misley said if the Council wanted to, they could require that subsequent duration extensions could require taxing district approval. Ms. Howard said the language could be added into the duration provision and could say that the duration may only be changed upon approval of X % of the taxing districts. City Manager Misley said if Council were generally supportive of the change to this provision, they would bring the option to Council for review at the next workshop. Mayor Ryan and Council President Connolly thought they should explore the concept.

City Manager Misley reviewed the changes to the project list, which included an increase in the loans and technical assistance and an increase to staff, material, and services. Councilor Preedin thought it was a good list. Mayor Ryan would like to keep the process moving forward. City Manager Misley said the next steps included sending the project list to the taxing districts, adding a reporting provision at the end of the URA, and adding language surrounding future changes to the plan's duration.

IV. ADJOURN-8:10 PM



Kerry Prosser, Agency Recorder



Chuck Ryan, Board Chair