

MEETING MINUTES
SISTERS URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY REGULAR MEETING
520 E. CASCADE AVENUE
AUGUST 26, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Cory Misley	Agency Manager
Paul Bertagna	PW Director
Joe O'Neill	Finance Officer
Kerry Prosser	Agency Recorder

GUEST:

Elaine Howard Elaine Howard Consulting

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Ryan at 5:00 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 a Draft Resolution making Amendments to the Sisters Urban Renewal Plan (URP).

City Manager Misley reviewed staff needed clarity on a couple of issues regarding the proposed amendments to the URP. The first was the duration of the plan and how it could be changed in the future. The second was adding a final report to the plan, essentially an audit.

Councilor Blum liked the idea of a review at the end of the plan to determine if it had been worthwhile. She thought requiring a final report six months after the end of the plan might be too quick. We might not know the results of the investment at that time. Ms. Howard replied the timing could easily be changed to one year.

Councilor Blum would like the language in 2c to be more specific to the URA boundary instead of the "overall transportation system."

Councilor Blum asked why "district" was used instead of "zone" in Chapter VI. Ms. Howard replied the State Statute was written with the "district" terminology, which was interchangeable with "zone."

Councilor Blum asked why in Section 6E, we were providing water and wastewater improvements to provide capacity for new development; she thought System Development Charge's covered those improvements. City Manager Misley replied we had a large "to do" list with our System Development Charge's, and this extra investment was meant to stimulate new construction within the area.

Councilor Blum clarified we were improving infrastructure that could lead to new development. Councilor Preedin stated if we did not increase capacity, people would not develop properties.

Council President Connolly suggested that in addition to the final analysis, we include before and after photos for historical reference. City Manager Misley noted we did memorialize many of these projects in the budget books.

Councilor Preedin liked the idea of historical photos and suggested we should do as many before and after photos of projects as we could. He thought the audit was critical and would show why we needed the plan. Councilor Preedin said the project list was strong.

Council agreed staff should move forward with adding the audit and final report to the plan.

Council agreed staff should move forward with adding the requirement that three of the four top taxing districts must approve any future extension to the plan's duration.

City Manager Misley explained he would take the final draft of the resolutions to each of the taxing districts to provide any final comments. He noted staff would bring the resolutions to memorialize these amendments to the September 23rd meeting.

Councilor Preedin said we talked about these changes for a long time, and they should not be a surprise to anyone. Mayor Ryan noted it was a Council goal.

Mayor Ryan asked how we would execute these projects. City Manager Misley replied it would be a team effort, but the URA was in the new Community Development Directors job description. He said staff would continue to consult with Ms. Howard, as we moved forward. Mayor Ryan would like URA progress plans brought back to Council on at least a quarterly basis.

IV. ADJOURN-5:27 PM


Kerry Prosser, Agency Recorder


Chuck Ryan, Board Chair