



City of Oregon City

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Meeting Minutes - Final Urban Renewal Commission

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

6:15 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

Present: 4 - Derrick Beneville, Rocky Smith, Brian Shaw and Dan Holladay

Absent: 2 - Renate Mengelberg and Carol Pauli

Staffers: 5 - Tony Konkol, Eric Underwood, Kattie Riggs, Jaime Reed and John Lewis

2. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

4. General Business

4a. Request for Additional Tenant Improvements at the Train Station

Eric Underwood, Economic Development Manager, said this was a request for additional tenant improvements at the train station. The initial project was completed January 30, but there were a few items that still needed to be done. Those items were: the train station carpet, interior painting, overhead lighting, and demolition of a wall. The total for these improvements was \$25,000. If this was approved, work would begin in August and be completed by October. The tenant was ready to move in once the improvements were done. There was a signed lease with the tenant, but there was no start date yet.

Commissioner Holladay said there was still the possibility that the legislature would not fully fund the Amtrak Cascade Line and if they did not fully fund it, the trains would stop running. He did not see how the tenant could survive if they stopped running. He suggested delaying this decision until the legislature session was finished.

Commissioner Beneville thought the Cascade Line would keep running as it was a very popular mode of transportation. He thought by now the tenant would be doing his improvements and would be in business by the summer to take advantage of the tourist season. He would like to support the project.

Commissioner Shaw thought they should finish the project they had started. He thought it would be marketable to many businesses.

A motion was made by Commissioner Beneville, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, to approve the request for additional tenant improvements at the Train Station. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Derrick Beneville, Rocky Smith Jr., Brian Shaw and Dan Holladay

5. Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Shaw suggested having a discussion on the future of the Urban Renewal property next to McDonald's.

6. City Manager's Report

There was no City Manager's report.

7. Adjournment

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Kattie Riggs, City Recorder