

GARDEN CITY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2012

9:00 A.M.

GARDEN CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING

MINUTES

The Special Meeting of the Garden City Urban Renewal Agency was called to order by Chair Pam Beaumont at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2012.

Roll call was taken and in attendance: Chair Pam Beaumont, Commissioner Parker Massman, Commissioner Jeff Souza, Ryan Armbruster from Elam & Burke, and Harlan Mann, consultant.

Chair Beaumont certified that the meeting had been legally noticed in accordance with Idaho Code 67-2343.

A grant request from the Garden City Library in the amount of \$2500 for the Kindergarten Readiness Program was considered. This is an 18 month old program targeted to children in the older part of the city, particularly the urban renewal district, who do not have the basic skills needed to enter school. The program has been financially supported in the past by the Agency, the Harry Morrison Foundation and other private donations. The Library is now raising funds to continue the program through 2012. Commissioner Massman moved to approve the \$2500 grant, seconded by Commissioner Souza. The motion passed unanimously.

A grant request from the Boys & Girls Club of Ada County for \$7000 to assist in the completion of their new education center was reviewed and discussed. This \$30,000 project will significantly improve educational facilities at the Club, allowing for more children to receive assistance with homework and study habits. A total of \$23,000 has already been raised and the \$7000 request would complete funding. Commissioner Souza moved to approve the \$7000 grant, seconded by Commissioner Massman. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners then reviewed the Eligibility Report for the proposed River Front East urban renewal district. This report, prepared by outside consultant Harlan Mann, assessed conditions in the area generally from Veterans Parkway to the Garden Street on the east and from the base of the Bench to the river and including 42nd Street from Adams to the river. Specific conditions that were considered and found in the area include:

1. Substantial number of deteriorating structures
2. Inadequate street layout
3. Faulty lot layout
4. Unsafe conditions – lack of sidewalks

5. Deterioration of site and other improvements – streets
6. Deterioration of sewer improvements
7. Deterioration of public facilities
8. Diversity of ownership

9. Inadequate fire protection – 4” and 6” water mains
10. Any combination of the above factors

The Eligibility Report was also reviewed by the Agency at its January 17,2012 meeting and with the City Council in a Joint Work Session of January 25, 2012.

After further discussion of Resolution 2012-2, which approves the Eligibility Report and instructs the Chair to forward it to the City Council for further action, it was moved by Commissioner Souza and seconded by Commissioner Massman to approve Resolution 2012-2. The votes for the motion were:

Chair Beaumont – Yes
Commissioner Massman – Yes
Commissioner Souza – Yes

There being no further business, Commissioner Massman moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Souza seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Pam Beaumont, Chair

Date