

Urban Renewal Agency

Regular Meeting

January 11, 2021

Present: Chair Kate McBride, Vice Chair David Meriwether, Mark Zanmiller, Megan Saunders, Tim Counihan, Jessica Metta, Erick Haynie, Gladys Rivera

Staff: City Manager Rachael Fuller, Finance Director/ACM Will Norris, City Attorney Dan Kearns, Fire Chief Leonard Damian, Police Chief Neal Holste, Public Works Director Mark Janeck, Senior Project Manager Wade Seaborn, City Recorder Jennifer Gray, GIS Analyst Jonathan Skloven-Gill, Haley Ellett

Absent: Hobby Streich

I CALL TO ORDER – McBride opened the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

II AGENDA ADDITIONS

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: To approve the meeting minutes of December 14, 2020 as written

First: Saunders

Second: Counihan

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion passed unanimously

IV BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

V REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Urban Renewal Advisory Committee Appointment

The Urban Renewal Advisory Committee (URAC) meets monthly to review urban renewal plans and provide recommendations to the Urban Renewal Agency Board on urban renewal projects, contract awards, plan amendments, and budget needs.

URAC membership is defined by Resolutions 2012-18 & 2012-28. The URAC consists of seven members. Six of the members are from the public at large who are either property owners or designees of property owners in the City or registered electors residing within the City for at least one year. One member is a City Planning Commissioner. URAC members who are electors in the City of Hood River also serve on the Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee.

Terms for two seats on the URAC expired on 12/31/2020. The URAC vacancies were

advertised on the City website, in the Columbia News, emailed to the Urban Renewal email list, and posted on social media. Three (3) applications from qualified applicants were received, including two (2) incumbents that wish to be reappointed for a subsequent term. A reappointment will extend through 12/31/2023.

Staff's recommendation is to conduct interviews, deliberate, and select appointments for the two Urban Renewal Advisory Committee vacancies.

The virtual meeting environment creates challenges for the typical voting process. Two recommended processes are:

- a) Make of direct motion for two candidates to avoid the need for ballot voting
- b) Vote for 1st and 2nd choice applicants via the chat function. 1st choice votes receiving two points and 2nd choice votes receiving one point. Staff can tally and report point counts.

The URA Board interviewed Jack Trumbull and Amanda Goeke. Tina McNerthney was not present during the interview.

Council agreed to make a direct motion for two candidates, rather that vote.

Motion: I move to reappoint Trumbull and Goeke on the Urban Renewal Advisory Committee.

First: Zanmiller

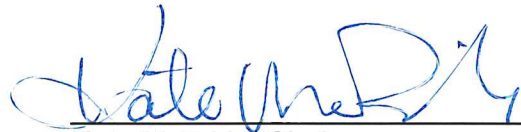
Second: Rivera

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion passed unanimously

VI ITEMS FROM AGENCY MEMBERS

VII ADJOURN – 6:38 p.m. by unanimous consent.



Kate McBride, Chair



Jennifer Gray, City Recorder

Approved by the Agency on

April 12, 2021