



APPROVED: June 17, 2009

CITY OF ALBANY
Albany Revitalization Agency
City Hall Council Chambers, 333 Broadalbin Street SW
Wednesday, May 20, 2009

MINUTES

Agency Members present: Mayor Sharon Konopa and Councilors Jeff Christman, Bill Coburn, Bessie Johnson, Dick Olsen, and Ralph Reid, Jr.

Agency Members absent: Councilor Floyd Collins

Staff present: City Manager Wes Hare, Urban Renewal Manager Kate Porsche, and Administrative Assistant Teresa Nix

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Olsen called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 15, 2009

MOTION: Bessie Johnson moved to approve the April 15 minutes as presented. Ralph Reid, Jr., seconded the motion, and it **passed** unanimously.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

Business from the Public

None.

Adoption of Resolution

Ward Proposal on Smith Properties – 222 & 228 Third Avenue (\$40,000 and \$80,000 forgivable loans)

MOTION: Bill Coburn moved to adopt the resolution on Albany Redevelopment LLC's request for forgivable loan funds for the property at 222 Third Avenue SE. Reid seconded the motion, and it **passed** unanimously. The resolution was designated as ARA Resolution No. 2009-06.

MOTION: Coburn moved to adopt the resolution on the Albany Redevelopment LLC's request for forgivable loan funds for the property at 228 Third Avenue SE. Johnson seconded the motion, and it **passed** unanimously. The resolution was designated as ARA Resolution No. 2009-07.

Monteith Historical Society Request – 519 Second Avenue SW (\$12,000 grant)

Olsen stated that he has talked with members of the Monteith Society and with the contractor who renovated this building. He has heard comments that stiffening of the upstairs floor may be unnecessary and that it would change the nature of the building. The contractor was disappointed that he was not consulted about this request. Olsen said that he would like to separate out the two parts of this request, allowing the siding work to go forward while holding off on the floor work pending a public meeting where all sides can be heard. He said that this was a well-done restoration and he wants the house to remain as original as possible.

Konopa suggested that the resolution be approved subject to approval by the Landmarks Advisory Commission. Olsen said that he would prefer that the CARA Advisory Board hear public testimony on this issue. Konopa noted that the Landmarks Advisory Commission has historic preservation expertise. Porsche advised that the Monteith Society did consult an architect about this work. Brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Konopa moved to adopt the resolution on the Monteith Society's request subject to review by the Landmarks Advisory Commission, to include a recommendation by a historic preservation architect and public input.

Reid suggested that this be divided into two separate resolutions in order to not delay the siding work.

The motion on the floor **died** for lack of a second.

MOTION: Konopa moved to approve the resolution on the Monteith Society's request with the following revision: under Overview, delete the words *and floor reinforcement*. Coburn seconded the motion, and it **passed** unanimously. The resolution was designated as ARA Resolution No. 2009-08.

There was general agreement that the issue of the floor reinforcement will be referred to the Landmarks Advisory Commission.

Brown Request – 240 First Avenue West (\$70,000 matching grant)

MOTION: Konopa moved to adopt the resolution. Johnson seconded the motion, and it **passed** unanimously. The resolution was designated as ARA Resolution No. 2009-09.

City of Albany Request – Broadalbin Street from First Avenue South to the Alley (\$45,000)

In response to an inquiry from Olsen, Porsche that said the Main Street consultants looked at the Albany Square Plan, but they did not look specifically at this proposal. The proposal for this area is likely to be modified slightly based on input from George Crandall. Approval of the resolution is merely a commitment of funds for the project.

MOTION: Konopa moved to adopt the resolution. Christman seconded the motion, and it **failed** by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Councilors Christman, Johnson, Konopa
No: Councilors Coburn, Olsen, Reid

Porsche said that the Agency could choose to make a motion for approval pending design review by George Crandall. She asked for any input from those voting no. No input was offered.

BUSINESS FROM THE AGENCY

None.

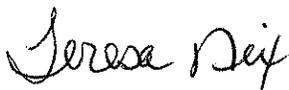
NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, June 17, 2009, immediately following the CARA Advisory Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Vice Chair Olsen adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Teresa Nix
Administrative Assistant

Reviewed by,



Kate Porsche
Urban Renewal Manager