



APPROVED: September 16, 2009

CITY OF ALBANY
Central Albany Revitalization Area Advisory Board
Council Chambers, 333 Broadalbin Street SW
Wednesday, August 19, 2009

MINUTES

Advisory Board Members present: David Anderer, Rich Catlin, Jeff Christman, Bill Coburn, Floyd Collins, Bessie Johnson, Gordon Kirbey, Cordell Post, Ralph Reid, Jr., and Kim Sass

Advisory Board Members absent: Loyd Henion (excused), Dick Olsen (excused), Sharon Konopa (excused), Ray Kopczynski (excused)

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

Others present: Approximately 11 others in the audience

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cordell Post called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. He advised that some agenda items will be postponed due to the number of absences this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 15, 2009

MOTION: Ralph Reid, Jr., moved to approve the July 15 minutes. David Anderer seconded the motion, and it **passed** unanimously.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

Business from the Public

None.

Presentation of New Small Grant Requests

Urban Renewal Manager Kate Porsche drew attention to the staff report. She noted that there are six requests for Small Grants. The amounts requested total \$22,435. There is \$25,000 available in funding.

Take-A-Ticket (Calvin Tigner) – 130 Montgomery Street NE & 145 Baker Street NE (\$3,385)

Take-A-Ticket (Calvin Tigner) – 520 First Avenue East (\$2,250)

Porsche briefly reviewed the requests for grants to help with rehabilitation work on two buildings.

Calvin Tigner, 130 Montgomery Street NE, came forward. He said that he has noticed that the darker colored part of his buildings do not get tagged with graffiti as much. He said that he will be using a very dark gray paint on his buildings. He suggested that other businesses and the City keep in mind that using darker paint seems to draw less tagging.

In response to inquiry, Mr. Tigner said that about 90 percent of his business is selling lottery tag dispensers worldwide. Business has picked back up over the past year; he has not had to do any layoffs.

Legacy Ballet (Heather Hill) – 102/104 Main Street SE (\$5,000)

Porsche briefly reviewed the request for a grant to help with costs related to expansion of the business and the creation of a sit-in coffee shop.

Heather Hill, 1183 11th Avenue SW, came forward. In response to inquiries, she said that Stagestep Flooring had by far the lowest price for the specialty dance flooring. She said that she will be hiring three new dance instructors with construction of the second dance floor and that she will also be hiring for the new coffee shop.

Peterson Building (Cindy Mitchell) – 343 First Avenue West (\$5,000)

Porsche briefly reviewed the request for a grant to help with painting and repointing of the building.

In response to inquiry, Porsche advised that CARA has had no participation in previous work on this building.

Blush Salon and Spa, Inc. (Shane Sewell) – 238 First Avenue SW (\$5,000)

Porsche briefly reviewed the request for a grant to help with the addition of two treatment rooms, an employee lounge, and a spa lounge. She noted that Thad Olivetti has previously received CARA funding for work on the exterior of this building.

Melissa's Art, Inc. (Cecelia Babcock) – 130 Fourth Avenue SE (\$1,800)

Porsche briefly reviewed the request for a grant to help with porch repair for the historic house from which the business is run.

Cecelia Babcock, 130 Fourth Avenue SE, came forward. In response to inquiries, she said that there is electricity in the sign pole in front of her business. She would have the pole removed if CARA wanted to fund that work.

Deliberation and Funding Decisions

MOTION: Bill Coburn moved to approve all five of the above requests. Anderer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CARA Blight Elimination Program Update

Discussion postponed to a future meeting.

CARA Overview and Discussion

Discussion postponed to a future meeting.

Staff Updates and Issues

There were no additional staff updates or issues.

BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

There was no business from the Board.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the CARA Advisory Board will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2009, at 5:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chair Post adjourned the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

Submitted by,



Teresa Nix
Administrative Assistant

Reviewed by,



Kate Porsche
Urban Renewal Coordinator