



APPROVED: October 20, 2010

CITY OF ALBANY  
Albany Revitalization Agency  
City Hall Council Chambers, 333 Broadalbin Street SW  
Wednesday, August 18, 2010

MINUTES

Agency Members present: Jeff Christman, Floyd Collins, Sharon Konopa, Dick Olsen, Ralph Reid, Jr.  
Agency Members absent: Bill Coburn, Bessie Johnson (both excused)  
Staff present: Urban Renewal Manager Kate Porsche, Administrative Assistant Teresa Nix

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Floyd Collins called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 16, 2010, and June 23, 2010

**MOTION:** Ralph Reid, Jr., moved to approve the June 16 and June 23 minutes as presented. Jeff Christman seconded the motion, and it **passed** unanimously.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

Business from the Public

None.

Adoption of Resolutions for Small Grants

Chair Collins suggested that, unless an Agency member would like to pull one or more items for discussion, he would suggest that the nine resolutions be adopted by one motion.

Sharon Konopa asked to pull item 7. Christman asked to pull item 9.

1. Albany Regional Museum (\$5,000)
2. Forrest Johnson (\$5,000)
3. Shannon Kearns (\$2,250)
4. Mike McLain (\$1,000)
5. John & Deborah Orr (\$1,800)
6. P'Shaws Cards and Gifts (\$4,856)
8. Montie & Wendy Torgeson (\$5,000)

**MOTION:** Dick Olsen moved to adopt the resolutions approving the above small grant requests. Reid seconded the motion, and it **passed** unanimously.

The resolutions were designated as ARA Resolution Nos. as listed below:

1. *Albany Regional Museum (\$5,000)* The resolution was designated as ARA Resolution No. 2010-16.
2. *Forrest Johnson (\$5,000)* The resolution was designated as ARA Resolution No. 2010-17.
3. *Shannon Kearns (\$2,250)* The resolution was designated as ARA Resolution No. 2010-18.
4. *Mike McLain (\$1,000)* The resolution was designated as ARA Resolution No. 2010-19.
5. *John & Deborah Orr (\$1,800)* The resolution was designated as ARA Resolution No. 2010-20.
6. *P'Shaws Cards and Gifts (\$4,856)* The resolution was designated as ARA Resolution No. 2010-21.
8. *Montie & Wendy Torgeson (\$5,000)* The resolution was designated as ARA Resolution No. 2010-23.
  
7. *St. Mary's Parish Train House (\$5,000)*

Konopa said that she will abstain from voting on this request due to her affiliation with St. Mary's.

**MOTION:** Christman moved to adopt the resolution approving the above small grant request. Reid seconded the motion, and it **passed** by a vote of 3 to 1, with Olsen voting no and Konopa abstaining. The resolution was designated as ARA Resolution No. 2010-22.

9. *Denial of Manske Small Grant (\$2,115)*

Christman said that the CARA Advisory Board denied the above request. He would like the Agency to reverse that decision and approve the request. He said that the requested amount is small and that CARA has granted this amount or more to other projects that did not meet the overall criteria in order to help a small business within the CARA district do something to improve its property.

**MOTION:** Christman moved to reverse the CARA Advisory Board's decision and to approve the Manske small grant request in the amount of \$2,115. Olsen seconded the motion.

Konopa said that she felt that the CARA Advisory Board's recommendation was based on a lot of thought and input; she does not want to go against the recommendation. She said that she has a problem with granting money for bark dust; this is a routine maintenance expense that any business should expect to supply. Urban Renewal Manager Kate Porsche said that she has encouraged people who received grants for landscaping to submit receipts for plants or materials that will be there long-term; she would give that level of scrutiny to this request if it is approved.

The motion **passed** by a vote of 3 to 2, with Konopa and Reid voting no. The resolution was designated as ARA Resolution No. 2010-24.

**BUSINESS FROM THE AGENCY**

None.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular ARA meeting will be held Wednesday, September 15, 2010, immediately following the CARA Advisory Board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no further business, Chair Collins adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Teresa Nix  
Administrative Assistant

Reviewed by,



Kate Porsche  
Urban Renewal Manager