



APPROVED: September 18, 2014

CITY OF ALBANY
Albany Revitalization Agency
City Hall Council Chambers, 333 Broadalbin Street SW
Wednesday, July 16, 2014

MINUTES

Agency Members present: Floyd Collins, Bessie Johnson, Rich Kellum, Ray Kopczynski, Dick Olsen

Agency Members absent: Bill Coburn (excused), Sharon Konopa (excused)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Floyd Collins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 18, 2014

MOTION: Ray Kopczynski moved to approve the June 18 minutes. Rich Kellum seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

Business from the Public

Tom Cordier, 2240 NW Park Terrace, said that during the CARA Advisory Board meeting immediately preceding this meeting, he kept hearing the word “policy” from staff and Advisory Board members. His understanding was that policy was set by the Albany Revitalization Agency (ARA). He wondered why the CARA Advisory Board spent so much time talking about policy when it is not within that body’s purview.

Collins explained that the CARA Advisory Board makes recommendations to the ARA, which then makes final decisions.

Staff Updates and Issues

There were no staff updates.

BUSINESS FROM THE AGENCY

Kellum referred to previous discussion and direction that applicants for CARA funds should submit multiple bids. He initiated discussion about the situation where an applicant comes forward with a single bid that is from the applicant and/or his family, as was the case with Scott Lepman. Economic Development & Urban Renewal Director Kate Porsche noted that applicants are now required to submit a minimum of two bids for the smaller projects. With developers who plan to do work on larger projects themselves, she doesn’t know the answer. She offered to look into how other urban renewal districts in the state are dealing with that issue and report back. Brief discussion followed.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next ARA meeting is to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chair Collins adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Reviewed by,

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Teresa Nix
Administrative Assistant
Director

Kate Porsche
Economic Development & Urban Renewal