



Minutes: April 21, 2010, 7:00 a.m.

City of Moscow Council Chambers • 206 E 3rd Street • Moscow, ID 83843

Commissioner McCabe called the Moscow Urban Renewal Agency meeting to order at 7:07 a.m. Wednesday, the 21st of April, 2010 in the City of Moscow Council Chambers.

Attendance:

Commission Members	Staff Present	Others Present
John McCabe, Chair	Travis Cary, MURA Executive Director	Wayne Krauss
Tom Lamar	Don Palmer, Treasurer	
Steve McGeehan	Stephanie Kalasz, City Clerk	
Steve Drown		

Absent: Brandy Sullivan, Jack Nelson

1. Consent Agenda - Any item will be removed from the consent agenda at the request of any member of the Board and that item will be considered separately later.
 - Minutes from March 10, 2010 Meeting
 - March Payables
 - February Financials

Lamar moved and McGeehan seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Public Comment for items *not on agenda*: 3 minute limit

No public comment was offered.

3. Announcements (including conflict of interest disclosures if any)

Cary said the EPA Brownfield Grant was awarded with the URA as a primary partner. The grant is for \$475,000. Many of the properties mentioned in the grant application are in or near Legacy Crossing. This will allow property owners to have an environmental assessment on their lots which should lead to other assistance in cleaning up the properties. The City Council needs to accept the grant and the next step is to come up with a work plan. Lamar said he received a telephone call from Jerry Orlando who is a reporter putting together an article about the award. Moscow was the largest of the recipients in Region 10 and the second largest in the nation for assessment. Cary said staff will be helping with information for that story. Krauss asked how the money will be spent. Cary said one interested owner is Ted Sharpe whose property has been exposed to some contamination so that may be one of the first properties assessed. It is a cornerstone piece of property in Legacy Crossing. He said care should be taken in describing properties as contaminated because they are privately owned and some are for sale. This is for the information of the owner. There are

properties outside Legacy Crossing as well. There was general discussion about the project. McGeehan asked if this would be first come-first serve. Cary said there were sites mentioned in the grant but there may be consideration for others as well if there is funding available. Drown asked if there was funding for some strategic planning and visioning. Cary said yes and that part will be handled by the University of Idaho. Drown said this is a very significant town and gown project. Cary said there will be a great deal of focus on Moscow for this grant. Drown said he hopes this will help promote Legacy Crossing as well. Cary said this should get people interested and will help people get over the environmental hurdle.

Cary said he will be talking to the League of Women Voters today about economic development and some of the URA projects. He also discussed a conference he will be attending.

4. FY 2011 Budget Public Hearing (Travis Cary)

Action Required: Motion to set date for Public Hearing to August 11, 2010.

McGeehan moved and Drown seconded to set the public hearing for the budget for August 11, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

5. URA Legislation Update (Travis Cary)

Cary said the legislative session ended with no changes to urban renewal laws. It will likely come up again in the next session but it is unsure which direction it will go. If it does pass, there will not be a major change for Moscow's districts but it could affect the make-up of the Board and it might limit any other expenditure besides paying off debt. There was general discussion about proposed changes.

6. Alturas Multi-Tenant Facility Update (Travis Cary)

Cary said the idea of a multi-tenant facility is still in the works. He explained an idea that is being considered and how he is assisting with it. The concept is called the Idaho Fab Lab. The idea has been well received. It would help people who are interested in manufacturing a new product idea. He explained how he will assist and said grant funding is being sought-out to help. He discussed the benefits of this project. The types of uses that will come out of this would be good to locate in the industrial park. The Idaho Design Lab in Boise is going to put something together and the University of Idaho, Department of Architecture, will be working on this as well. Lamar said he is really excited about these ideas. McCabe asked if a non-profit is being considered to run the facility. Cary said that is one model but it is unknown as this time. A non-profit is eligible for more grants than a private business would be.

7. Executive Session: Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-2345, sub-section (1)(c) - to conduct deliberations concerning acquiring an interest in real property not owned by a public agency

Lamar moved and McGeehan seconded to move into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-2345, sub-section (1)(c) - to conduct deliberations concerning acquiring an interest in real property not owned by a public agency. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

The regular part of the meeting concluded at 7:40 a.m.

The executive session started at 7:44 a.m. In attendance were Steve Drown, John McCabe, Steve McGeehan, Tom Lamar, Travis Cary, Don Palmer, and Stephanie Kalasz. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 a.m.

8. Adjournment