



Minutes: May 9, 2012, 7:00 a.m.

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

McCabe called the meeting to order at 7:04 a.m.

Attendance:

Commission Members

John McCabe, Chair

Steve McGeehan

Tom Lamar

Brandy Sullivan

Sue Scott

Dave McGraw

Absent: Steve Drown

Staff Present

Jeff Jones, Executive Director

Don Palmer, Finance Director

Stephanie Kalasz, City Clerk

Others Present

Paul Kimmell

Garrett Thompson

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.

A. Minutes from April 11, 2012 Meeting

B. March Financials

C. April Payables

ACTION: Approve the consent agenda or take such action deemed appropriate.

Scott 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

- PKC, "Regional Cooperation", June 7, 2012, 2:00pm-5:00pm, SEL Events Center, Pullman
- Tourism Luncheon, May 16, 2012, 12:00p-1:30pm, University Inn, Moscow
- Inland NW Partners, "Harnessing the Power of Social Media", June 13, 2012, 9:00am-1:45pm, Hayden Lake Country Club, Hayden
- NWCDI, Urban Renewal Panel (Certified Community Developer) ,July 18,2012, 3:15pm-5:15pm, Doubletree Riverside Hotel, Boise
- General Membership Meeting, Redevelopment Association of Idaho (RAI), August 16, 2012, 9:00am-11:00am, (Location to TBD), Moscow, ID
- Draft MURA Budget Workshop, May 23, 2012, 7:00am, City Hall, Moscow

Jones discussed each of the events listed above. Scott moved and McGraw seconded approval of Jones' travel to NWCDI to Boise. Motion carried unanimously. The Board confirmed that they will be here for the workshop on May 23rd (with the exception of Steve Drown). Jones and Lamar discussed "<http://summercommune.tumblr.com/>" that is a group of people who to come to Moscow for three months.

4. Economic Indicators (national, regional, local) – Jeff Jones

Jones discussed the national economic outlook over the past several months. He said in Idaho, only the Boise area is in recovery. He went through unemployment information and said Latah County is below the national average. The most dramatic layoffs have been in government and some in social services. Idaho has remained relatively high in the number of foreclosures. Latah County foreclosures are low compared to the state only one in every 6,578. Permitting in construction was higher from October through December but went back down in January and seems to be going up slowly now. There was some discussion about building and the economy.

5. Legacy Crossing Urban Renewal District Status – Jeff Jones

- EPA Coalition Brownfield Project – Monitoring Well Locations
- Tank Removal – 6th and Jackson
- College Street Rebuild – MURA Participation

Jones gave an update on the EPA Coalition Brownfield Project properties and there was discussion about the testing process. He explained that the tank was removed from the 6th and Jackson property. He discussed the status of testing on the property and moving the curb cut on 6th Street.

Jones displayed drawings for the College Street rebuild and explained the proposed project. Underground utilities will be included which is more expensive but it will set a good precedent for the area. He said it is currently out to bid. He recommended that the URA donate \$5,000 toward the project. McGeehan asked if money from the URA would go to a specific part of the project. Jones said no. Sullivan asked why \$5,000. Jones said it is a small contribution in terms of the entire project cost but it is really the maximum amount that the URA can afford to give. There was some discussion. Lamar said he is happy with that amount.

Scott said this project is really going to make a statement. She moved to contribute \$5,000 toward the project and Lamar seconded the motion. McGraw verified that this project is okay for the URA to fund. There was more discussion. Sullivan said she doesn't have a problem with contributing but since the amount is small anyway she isn't sure that it needs to be \$5,000. McGeehan said he agrees with the amount and the intent. The project is set to be done by fall. Lamar said there are several components to the project where the \$5,000 can be used. There was discussion about the design and how it evolved. Lamar said having a reasoned statement behind the contribution might address Sullivan's concern. Jones said this is to enhance the livability of the Legacy Crossing Urban Renewal District and will make adjacent properties more desirable and more valuable. The Board asked Jones to write up a statement to include with the donation. The vote was unanimously in favor to approve the motion. [This will be brought back to the Board for final approval at the next meeting.]

6. Alturas Technology Park Status – Jeff Jones

- o Entry Sign Light Replacement /Repair

Jones displayed a photo of the broken entry sign light at Alturas and said it has been repaired. The lots are being marketed and more information will be on the website. Lamar said some of the “for sale” signs were down and broken. Jones said he has proposed some funding for marketing and new signs in the 2013 budget. There was discussion about two strips of land in the Alturas area, the possible replanting and City maintenance of them. Palmer discussed how the land is considered in terms of assets. Lamar said he would just like to have some trees replanted there that would be appropriate for the power line height. He said there is also a drop in one place in the trail that needs to be addressed. Jones said someday the district will be closed so the care of the area will need to be determined. The City will need to keep up with its property.

Adjournment – The meeting concluded at 8:19 a.m.