



Meeting Minutes: August 2, 2018, 7:00 a.m.

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

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent	Also in Attendance
Brandy Sullivan, Vice Chair	Trent Bice	Bill Belknap, MURA Executive Director
Art Bettge	Steve McGeehan	Anne Peterson, MURA Clerk
Steve Drown	Ron Smith	Brittany Gunderson, Treasurer
Dave McGraw		

Vice Chair Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:01 a.m.

- 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 July 19, 2018

Bettge moved approval, seconded by McGraw. Motion carried.

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

Victoria Seever voiced a concern regarding the empty triangle lot between the Gritman parking lot and the Identity building. She requested the Board and/or City make efforts to prevent this area from becoming a de facto overflow parking lot since the Identity project has minimal parking. Agency members had a few questions and Belknap said Gritman owns the property and is taking steps to prohibit parking there.

- 3. Public Hearing: Proposed FY 2019 Agency Budget Approval – Bill Belknap**

Staff has prepared the draft FY2019 budget document that includes anticipated Agency revenues and expenditures for the upcoming FY2019 fiscal year. The draft budget was reviewed by the Finance Committee on May 21, 2018 and by the Agency Board on May 26th and both bodies recommended forward the budget to public hearing. In accordance with State Law, the Agency is required to conduct a public hearing upon the annual appropriations budget to allow for public comment and testimony.

Belknap provided an overview of the proposed budget and noted that it includes the recent agreement to sell two Alturas lots to the Needhams. Increment within Legacy is expected to grow as recently completed projects begin to hit the tax roles. Revenues are budgeted to be receipted for the sale of the 6th & Jackson property under the current RFP and to retire the bond principal and construct Hello Walk. Belknap noted that this is a more conservative budget since a low fund balance is anticipated this budget year.

Public hearing opened at 7:20am. Victoria Seever, 121 N Lilly, presented the attached testimony. Public hearing closed at 7:25am.

Drown moved adoption of the FY2019 budget and corresponding resolution. Bettge seconded the motion. Drown commented on the opportunity to look at design quality can integrate artwork in the design work, such as tree grates that can commemorate history. Sullivan said the uncertain item that stood out to her in the budget is the 6th & Jackson sale. Belknap agreed the budget shows the worst-case scenario. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Agency Policy Manual Adoption – Bill Belknap

Over the course of the last several months, Staff has been working to develop an Agency Policy manual to establish policy and guidance with regard to the administrative, financial and development participation activities of the Agency. The Board reviewed sections of the document during the Board's meetings on June 26th and July 19th and it presenting the final draft document for potential adoption by the Board. Many of the policies formalize the Agency's historical practices while others provide new guidance and direction to ensure consistency and predictability of the activities of the Agency.

Belknap said this will be a living policy document that will provide helpful guidance to the Agency's activities. Board members had no questions. Drown complimented staff for creating a document that strongly reflects the Agency's mission. Bettge moved approval, seconded by McGraw, and the motion carried unanimously.

5. General Agency Updates – Bill Belknap

None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 AM.



Steve McGeehan, Agency Chair

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Date

2 August 1, 2018 URA FY19 Public Comment

from Victoria Seever, 121 N. Lilly St., Moscow ID 83843

My bent is more toward talking Vision than talking Dollars, but Vision requires a Budget. A smart budget supports not only bare bones but also leverages quality and inclusive designs.

Past performance is a strong indicator for future actions. The Moscow Urban Renewal Agency (MURA) has been successful, committed to its vision, and a wise manager of its Agency responsibilities.

Some of those future actions contained in its FY19 Budget correctly include:

1. The 6th and Jackson property has had a number of curves thrown at it. Such is the nature of business and it doesn't matter. Each action taken in context by the MURA has been correct—including the initial selection of Sangria and constructing the corner Hello Walk hardscape. The project is positioned to move forward as a keystone property in the Legacy District with the FY19 budget furthering its completion.
2. Expansion of the Legacy Crossing District to incorporate a portion of north Main is correct. I only wish it could have included St. John's Hardware. With all the recent development adjacent to it, I suspect that in a few years, we'll wish the MURA could help address that area. Meanwhile, we know downtown infrastructure is on the city's front burner and is desperately needed, both for practical usage and because it is the hardscape face of Moscow where so many events and community living happen.

I recently heard someone refer to Main Street as a linear parking lot. It's much more than that. With its wide street, reduced traffic achieved by the Washington-Jackson couplet, and tree-lined walks, it is a pedestrian mall. Paramount in its use and safety upgrades will be the amenities that draw people downtown. It's also an opportunity for functional art to be integrated. I count on the MURA in its role to help make Main Street shine.

3. The MURA's work toward exploring a South Industrial District and the ongoing development of the Legacy Crossing are on task. Without question, the FY19 Budget should support both.
4. As ongoing (largely infrastructure) projects arise, which the MURA has been on track in the past, such as with Jackson and 3rd Streets and Gritman's growing medical campus, I'm confident the FY19 Budget will partner and contribute where it can, much to the Moscow community's benefit.

All in all, the MURA is doing great—keep moving forward.