



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

McGeehan 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 October 4, 2018*
- B. *September 2018 Financials and Payables*
- C. *October 2018 Financials and Payables*

Smith moved approval, seconded by Drown. Motion carried.

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

Brenda von Wandruszka made the observation that with the exception of Brandy Sullivan, the URA membership is a homogeneous group of middle class gentlemen.

3. **Idaho Central Credit Union Project Report (A) – Bill Belknap**

The Idaho Central Credit Union (ICCU) has purchased the prior Ambassador Auto (most recently Quad Cities Nissan) dealership property and intends to demolish the existing structures this fall and construct a new approximately 5,000 square foot branch upon the property this spring. The property is located within the area of the upcoming Third Street Corridor Pedestrian Safety Project that the Agency previously committed \$87,000 towards and which is scheduled for construction in 2021. Staff has discussed the concept of advancing some of the anticipated lighting improvements in conjunction with the ICCU project to take advantage of the anticipated sidewalk removals and reconstruction to get the lighting system installed and avoid disruption to the ICCU site in 2021. Staff will provide a report and is seeking general Board direction regarding exploration of the potential advancement of the streetscape improvements.

Belknap mentioned some overhead utility conflicts may be undergrounded to eliminate conflicts with street lighting. Drown was very supportive of the project but had questions about setbacks of the proposed ICCU project, which doesn't appear to follow the desired "gateway" look of street-front buildings rather than street-front parking lots. Belknap said a 10-foot setback is required within the Motor Business District and since the Agency is not providing financial assistance to the bank construction there's no way to incentivize that design. McGeehan asked about the crosswalk near Papa Murphy's and Belknap said there are plans for more lighting and revised landscaping to improve that crossing. Seever commented from the audience that flags have been added on both sides of the street which is helpful.

Belknap said he didn't have a formal proposal for the Board's action but was looking for confirmation that the Board was agreeable to participation in the lighting project. There was full support.

4. Discussion Regarding Work Plan and Projects for 2019 Calendar Year (A) - Bill Belknap

Staff would like to discuss anticipated Board projects and priorities for the upcoming calendar year so that Staff can plan accordingly.

Belknap outlined his suggested priorities including continued effort to dispose and develop the 6th & Jackson property, joint meeting with Council, Strategic Plan update, FY2020 Budget development, South District discussion (which may be accelerated due to Opportunity Zone funding), and discussion of expending some of the committed public art funds. McGraw thought the South District should take priority. Sullivan suggested also focusing on disposition of the Alturas lots. McGeehan asked Sullivan and Taruscio if they thought the joint meeting being every two years was sufficient and they both thought it was.

5. General Agency Updates – Bill Belknap

- General Agency Business
 - Von Wandruszka suggested the Board consider moving the public comment period to the end of the meeting so audience members aren't as inclined to want to interrupt. Belknap said for meeting efficiency, the Board can choose to take public comment prior to any decision making. The Board just shouldn't take action on any public comment that isn't on the agenda.
 - The Flood Plan study is continuing with FEMA.
 - McGeehan mentioned the underpass has already been tagged with graffiti and asked who's responsibility that is to clean up. Belknap said it falls to ITD but the City has been discussing that location as a perfect location for a public art mural.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 AM.



~~Steve McGeehan, Agency Chair~~

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Date

D. Brandy Sullivan, Agency Vice-chair