



Ketchum Urban Renewal Agency

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Regular Meeting

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Monday, May 17, 2021

2:00 PM

Ketchum City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Chair Ed Johnson.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chair Ed Johnson (via Teleconference)
Vice Chair Casey Dove (via Teleconference)
Commissioner Amanda Breen (via Teleconference)
Commissioner Casey Burke (via Teleconference)
Commissioner Carson Palmer (via Teleconference)
Commissioner Jim Slanetz (via Teleconference)

ABSENT

Commissioner Susan Scovell

ALSO PRESENT

Director Suzanne Frick
Secretary Maureen Puddicombe

CONSENT CALENDAR: (ALL ACTION ITEMS)

1. Minutes of March 15, 2021
2. Minutes of April 19, 2021
3. Minutes of May 5, 2021

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar with changes as noted.

Motion made by Commissioner Breen, Seconded by Commissioner Slanetz.

Voting Yea: Chair Johnson, Vice Chair Dove, Commissioner Breen, Commissioner Burke,
Commissioner Palmer, Commissioner Slanetz

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

No communications from the board were made.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. ACTION ITEM: Recommendation to consider and provide direction on funding a master plan for the area consisting of the Ore Wagon Museum, Bonning Cabin, and Little Park.

The recommendation was introduced by Director Suzanne Frick asking the KURA to fund the \$50,000 renovation costs to update Little Park or the KURA can opt to go 50/50 with the City.

Chair Johnson noted the amount combined with the request for Town Square is 50% of the budget. He proposed funding \$25,000 or loaning the funds to the City.

Casey Dove asked about a Master plan for Town Square. Director Frick said there was a plan at the time it was built but it is now 15 years old with no future plans.

Chair Johnson did not want to divert funds away from infrastructure.

Slantez thought Master Plans sometimes didn't go through. He wanted to know if this was connected to Bluebird.

Director Frick said it was part of the consideration, but the park is currently under-utilized by the public due to unsafe play equipment. The park needs to be re-evaluated as part of an overall plan for the Museum and Bonning Cabin.

Chair Johnson thought the KURA should reimburse but not fund the project.

Casey Dove thought the Park should be re-developed in conjunction with Bluebird if it goes through. Carson Palmer agreed.

Motion to defer a decision on the funding of the remodel of Little Park at this time.

Motion made by Vice-chair Dove, Seconded by Commissioner Casey Burke.

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dove, Commissioner Breen, Commissioner Burke, Chair Johnson, Commissioner Palmer, Commissioner Slanetz

5. ACTION ITEM: Recommendation to consider and provide direction on funding a master plan for Town Square

Director Frick introduced the request for the replacement of the pavers at Town Square and possible re-configuration of the space. The City was asking the KURA to partner in the project.

Chair Johnson thought this was not a priority project for the KURA.

Frick noted the pavers have been broken and replaced over time. Now the City wants to possibly replace with snow-melt pavers. Town Square was originally a KURA Project so Frick asked the Commission if they wanted to fund the improvements. Snow-melt pavers hold up better. Commissioner Slantez was more inclined to fund the pavers. Commissioner Palmer thought the pavers that need replacement should be replaced but the snow-melt was too expensive.

Commissioner Breen asked what the alternatives would be. Frick noted that would be part of the consideration.

Chair Johnson thought the City needed to do more background research before asking for funds.

Commissioner Breen questioned which projects should involve the KURA. Commissioner Palmer agreed that Town Square should be a priority. Commissioner Slanetz thought the pavers would continue to need replacement.

Commissioner Casey Dove supported going 50/50 with the City. Commissioner Casey Burke agreed. He supported being able to use Town Square in the Winter as well as Summer.

Chair Johnson wanted to add the support of 4th Street to the motion. Commissioner Breen did not agree with adding 4th Street. Commissioner Slanetz supported funding 4th Street from Leadville to East Ave.

Motion to support 50% of costs with a cap of \$25,000 in funding for the Town Square improvements.

Motion made by Commissioner Breen, Seconded by Commissioner Slanetz.

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dove, Commissioner Breen, Commissioner Burke, Commissioner Palmer, Commissioner Slanetz

Voting Nay: Chair Johnson

6. Discussion and direction to staff on proposed contract for services between the KURA and City of Ketchum

Attorney Armbruster indicated the KURA is still working on the compensation for a City Staff Member, how to evaluate performance, etc. Chair Johnson suggested City Staff track time spent on KURA business and the staff be required to act as a fiduciary to the KURA Board. This would be an annual contract.

Commissioner Casey Dove agreed with the tracking of hours. Commissioner Breen and other members agreed.

It was agreed to be an Action Item at the next meeting.

7. Recommendation to prioritize transportation projects that would be eligible for KURA funding.

Director Frick outlined the projects in the Transportation Plan and asked the Board's interest in the projects.

Chair Johnson supported the improvements on 4th Street. Commissioner Breen supported the project to make the City more walkable. She thought Warm Springs Rd was a priority.

Commissioner Casey Dove supported 4th Street upgrades and pedestrian / bike safety. Commissioners Slanetz and Palmer agreed. Commissioner Palmer was concerned with

Highway 75 crossing of Trail Creek. Director Frock noted there is a plan to upgrade around 2025-2026.

8. Discussion on format of KURA meetings (in person or remote) and identify a date for the KURA budget workshop

Chair Johnson asked the board about returning to meetings in person. He supported continuing with ZOOM for anyone not comfortable with meeting in person.

Commissioner Breen thought live meetings were better than remote but supported the use of Zoom when needed. Chair Johnson pointed out masks could be made required.

Commissioner Dove liked in-person meetings with the option to make changes.

Commissioner Palmer liked the option if out of town. Commissioner Burke preferred in-person, but also liked the Zoom option. Chair Johnson proposed in-person meeting for the next meeting with the Zoom option available.

9. Update on status of KURA 2021 Bond

The RFP's went out to the banks and financial institutions. At the special meeting on June 2 or 3 the institution would be selected. The Bond resolution would be presented at the June Meeting with Notice to the paper June 4. A Special meeting was scheduled for June 2nd at 2:00 PM.

10. Legislative Update

Attorney Armbruster gave an update on activities at the State level.

11. Update on KURA funded projects

The HAWK project was under construction with completion scheduled for June 12. The City is working with ITD for a radar system to detect bicycles to initiate the crossing signal. All three new ADA ramps have been completed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 3:22 PM

Motion made by Commissioner Slanetz, Seconded by Vice Chair Dove.

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dove, Commissioner Breen, Commissioner Burke, Chair Johnson, Commissioner Palmer, Commissioner Slanetz

Ed Johnson, Chairman

ATTEST:

Maureen Puddicombe, Secretary