



URBAN RENEWAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 03, 2026 at 7:30 AM

Council Chambers at City Hall - 1123 W. Lake St. Sandpoint, Idaho

Call to Order

Board Chairman Eric Paull called the regular monthly meeting of the Sandpoint Urban Renewal Agency Board of Commissioners to order at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, in Council chambers at City Hall, 1123 W. Lake St., Sandpoint, Idaho.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Commissioner Eric Paull, Chair
Commissioner Kendon Perry, Vice Chair
Commissioner Marilyn Sabella
Commissioner Ned Brandenberger
Commissioner Jason Welker
Commissioner Kate McAlister

Meeting Minutes Approval

1. The minutes from the Board's December 2, 2025, meeting were approved as presented.

Motion made by Commissioner Welker, Seconded by Commissioner Perry.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Paull, Commissioner Perry, Commissioner Sabella, Commissioner Brandenberger, Commissioner Welker, Commissioner McAlister

Reports/Announcements

Chairman Paull thanked Tom Bokowy for his service on the Board, as his term had expired, and welcomed new Commissioner Kate McAlister.

2. There were no questions or discussion regarding the monthly financial report. Information only; no Board action.
3. Following an introduction by Chairman Paull, City Project Manager Erik Bush provided an update on Phase 3 of the Downtown Revitalization Project and, along with Public Works Director Holly Ellis, fielded questions from the Commissioners. Information only; no Board action.

Old/Unfinished Business

4. Downtown Revitalization Phase 3 Citizen Advisory Committee

Following a brief explanation from Mr. Bush on the Downtown Revitalization Phase 3 Advisory Committee, Commissioner McAlister volunteered to serve on the committee. A motion was made by Commissioner Welker to accept Commissioner McAlister's nomination, seconded by Commissioner Sabella. The Commission voted unanimously to elect Commissioner McAlister as the Downtown Revitalization Phase 3 Committee Member, as follows:

Motion made by Commissioner Welker, Seconded by Commissioner Sabella.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Paull, Commissioner Perry, Commissioner Sabella, Commissioner Brandenberger, Commissioner Welker, Commissioner McAlister

New Business

5. Request from Timberline Helicopters for Public Improvements

Tyson Davis, President of Timberline Helicopters, Inc., provided a presentation, with a request for public improvements in SURA's northern district, and fielded questions from the Commissioners. Citing a potential conflict, Chairman Paull announced he would be recusing himself from voting on this agenda item.

Following discussion, there was a motion for approval of an expenditure of \$396,000 in partnership funding for infrastructure in the Northern Urban Renewal Area, approved by majority vote of the Board, with Commissioner Welker dissenting.

Motion made by Commissioner Perry, Seconded by Commissioner McAlister.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Perry, Commissioner Sabella, Commissioner Brandenberger, Commissioner McAlister

Voting Nay: Commissioner Welker

Voting Abstaining: Commissioner Paull

6. Approve Allocation of \$3,500 in Downtown Arts Funds to 2026 Silver Box Project

Elle Susnis, Chair of the Sandpoint Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation Commission (ACHP), was in attendance on behalf of the ACHP and relayed that ACHP had voted to request allocation of an additional \$3,500 from SURA Downtown Arts monies to fund the 2026 Silver Box Project. This request was approved by the Board as follows:

Motion made by Commissioner Perry, Seconded by Commissioner Welker.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Paull, Commissioner Perry, Commissioner Sabella, Commissioner Brandenberger, Commissioner Welker, Commissioner McAlister

7. Approve Allocation of \$20,000 in Downtown Arts Funds to Second Avenue and Cedar Street Art Project

Ms. Susnis then relayed that the ACHP had voted to request allocation of an additional \$20,000 from SURA Downtown Arts monies to fund the Second Avenue and Cedar Street Art Project. This request was approved by the Board, as follows:

Motion made by Commissioner Sabella, Seconded by Commissioner Perry.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Paull, Commissioner Perry, Commissioner Sabella, Commissioner Brandenberger, Commissioner Welker, Commissioner McAlister

Adjourn

With no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

I presided over this meeting and can confirm that these minutes, prepared by the clerk, were approved by the Board during their meeting held on _____, 2026.

Eric Paull, Chair

Attest: Hayley Keys, Deputy City Clerk