

Ashton Urban Renewal Agency
Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2017
Ashton, Idaho

Chairman Sara Bowersox called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

Attendance

Board Members: Sara Bowersox, Devin Burton, Teddy Stronks, and Stacy Dexter

Visitors: Sara Reinke, Michele OMalley, Deveren Farley, Sheri Farley, Margaret Howe, Ken Miller, Bill Dodson, Linda Jansen, Tom Howell, and Daniel Borup

Administrative Support: Katie Cook from ECIPDA

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Devin Burton made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 20, 2017. Teddy Stronks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consideration of Invoices

Katie Cook let the board know that a check for tax increment money for \$453.83 would need to be made from the 5th & Main District to the Historic High School/City Park District since Fremont County sent one check for the 2 districts. She also presented an invoice from Elam and Burke for \$37.00 that was discussed in the previous meeting. She hasn't heard back from them so she isn't sending a check until she does hear back. Another invoice from Michelle OMalley that has already been approved for plants/shrubs in the Pocket Park. An invoice for \$139.37 from the City of Ashton for water and garbage services. Last, an invoice from ECIPDA for October 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 administrative support in the amount of \$4,828.00 with a total of 68 hours.

Teddy Stronks made a motion to approve the invoices. Devin Burton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Katie also updated the board on the account balances in the amounts below:

Main Street District: \$205,870.91

High School District: \$16,631.00

Preliminary Budget

A. Approval

Katie presented a spreadsheet with all amounts for the Preliminary FY 2018 Budget for Ashton URA which is filed with the meeting minutes.

Devin Burton made a motion to approve the Preliminary Budget as presented. Stacy Dexter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

B. Public Hearing Date/Time

A public hearing is scheduled for August 30, 2017 at 4:30 pm.

Project Update and Potential Projects

A. Pocket Park

1. Phase II

Chairman Sara Bowersox addressed Phase II, with no updates other than waiting for Josh Grover with Grover Landscape to put in the shade trees on the west side of the park.

2. Sculpture

Daniel Borup presented more sketches to the board with the ideas from the last meeting for the sculpture as well as pricing. The board has discussed staying at \$50,000 or less as a budget for the sculpture and everything presented from Daniel is within that budget.

Deveren Farley also presented a few pictures of his artwork as well as a few of the pieces he has already done to show the treatment on them and how they hold up in the weather. He also presented some sketches with ideas he has for the sculpture.

The board then discussed further ideas with Daniel and Deveren and what they are leaning more toward. They asked both Daniel and Deveren to prepare more sketches before the next meeting that can be presented to the community for their opinions to make a final decision. The board will then move forward with one or two of the sketches and ask them to come back with a clay/model example.

B. Future Project Discussion

3. Brownfield Project

Teddy Stronks is working with a few people to get a Phase One Environmental Sight Adjustment. He is also trying to get ahold of the property owner and will follow up with further detail at the next meeting.

Other Business/Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was set for August 30th at 4:30 pm as well as a second meeting on September 28, 2017 at 4:30 pm.

Adjournment

Teddy Stronks made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Devin Burton seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Meeting minutes prepared by Laine Trost

Minutes accepted by:

Sara Bowersox, Chairman