

# Rexburg Redevelopment Agency

*Meeting Minutes- January 25, 2018*

*Rexburg, Idaho*

## Attendance

*Members:* Chairman Richard Horner, Robert Chambers, Randall Porter, Doug Hancey, Traci Peterson and Joseph West.

*Visitors:* Judy Hobbs, Scott Johnson, Mayor Jerry Merrill, Craig Rindlisbacher, Joel Gray and Matt Nielson.

*Administrative Support:* Katie Cook

## Welcome

Chairman Richard Horner called the meeting to order at 12:35 PM

## Administrative Items

### Approval of Minutes

Chairman Richard Horner asked for a motion approve the meeting minutes from January 4, 2018 which were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Randall Porter made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Doug Hancey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Review of Preliminary Annual Report

There was one correction made to the annual report by Katie Cook that the date was corrected for the termination of the Washington School district to 20 years instead of 30 years. There will only be one more year to close out the district. Debate followed on the possibility of donating the project to the city or sell it. A motion was brought forward by Joseph West to preliminarily approve the annual report and was seconded by Randall Porter. The motion passed unanimously.

### Approval of Invoices

There were no invoices to review.

### Review of Financial Status

Financial status was not reviewed at this meeting.

### Audit Engagement Letter for 2017

Rudd & Company was hired to conduct the audit for 2017. The price for their service will be approximately \$4,500. Randall made a motion to hire Rudd & Company to conduct the audit and it was seconded by Joseph West. The motion passed unanimously.

### North Highway District

Matt Nielson gave an update on the baseball quad. It will likely not be completed until 2019. There have been no problems with ground water levels recently. The city will oversee grating the surface and maintaining it since it was purchased.

### Washington School District

Chairman Richard Horner put together a new RFP which will be put into action by contacting contractors who could develop the property at the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> West and 1<sup>st</sup> North.

### Downtown District

Scott Johnson spoke about a potential parking structure for downtown. There was discussion on how the Allen Ridge house property was being sold as well as the Campbell property off Carlson Ave. There was debate over whether the City would purchase the Campbell property or whether it would be the URA. The ultimate plan is to level the current buildings and to place a parking structure as well as office spaces. The intent is to have the parking structure have enough spaces for 500 vehicles. The future of the project will be to have it be sold to a private owner and to have it be taxable. It was determined that it would be better for the URA to purchase the land than the City because it would be better able to manage the project and then ultimately sell it. A motion was made by Joseph West to purchase the Allen Ridge House for \$480,000.00 and the Campbell commercial property for \$475,000.00 and was seconded by Robert Chambers. The motion was unanimously passed.

### University Boulevard District

Discussion about crosswalks on Yellowstone avenue by the Middle School.

### North Interchange District

Joel Gray addressed the board with an update on the construction within the district. There is discussion on a sidewalk being constructed from Moody Road to Walmart. The sidewalk would be large enough to accommodate both bicyclists as well as pedestrians. URA will need to pay for the reconstruction on 2<sup>nd</sup> E up to Stationary Road and then anything with waste water will be paid by the City. The total cost for the construction will be about \$2.4 million. A motion was made by Joseph West to move forward with the 2018 plans to create the sidewalks. Doug Hancey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

### General Discussion

#### Open Discussion

Craig Rindlisbacher addressed the board about a wellness grant for a parks and trails plan, which would benefit the community. There will be a hearing on February 8, 2018 at the City Hall at 7:00 for a public meeting as part of that process.

### Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The next meeting is to be held in March after the audit is completed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 P.M.

Minutes submitted by: Hannah McDonald

Approved by: Board on \_\_\_\_\_

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Richard Horner, Chair