

**CANBY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
February 16, 2022**

PRESIDING: Chair Shawn Varwig

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: David Bajorin, Traci Hensley, Brian Hodson, Greg Parker, and Sarah Spoon

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Christopher Bangs

STAFF PRESENT: Scott Archer, City Administrator/Agency Director; Joseph Lindsay, City Attorney/Assistant City Administrator; Jamie Stickel, Economic Development Director; and Maya Benham, Deputy City Recorder

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Varwig called the Special Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CREATION OF A MURAL COMMITTEE.

Jamie Stickel, Economic Development Director, began the presentation by noting the mural background information including a mural program that was originally created.

There was discussion regarding the mural committee.

Commissioner Spoon was interested in a separate mural committee. She mentioned it takes special relationships to connect with the art community and business owners. She asked if there were any interest in adding mural restoration and specifically the restoring of some murals such as at the old police station.

Chair Varwig agreed that restoration should be considered for historical value.

Commissioner Hensley asked if this would be considered a long term committee or a task-force, short term committee. She also wanted to know more about the vision as there was limited real estate to use for murals.

Commissioner Spoon was interested in what other committees were doing. She would like to not place short timelines perhaps missing opportunities and did see long term potential once the URA sunsets.

Commissioner Hensley felt this should be per project ad-hock meeting and that the restoration should be the property owners' responsibility.

Chair Varwig stated the goal of the meeting was to see if there was any support for the committee.

Commissioner Parker was interested in having staff provide options to see the policy options that emerge from this committee. He also wanted the infrastructure to be used, to know the resource demands and if additional resources were needed.

Commissioner Bajorin supported the mural committee. He would like to keep the discussion moving forward.

Discussion ensued regarding what would happen to the committee if/ when the URA sunsets.

Vice Chair Hodson acknowledged the success with the dahlia design on the back of the Police Station. He mentioned is the design from the murals creates engagement, energy, and what they can be for the community. He thought the restoration component should be added. He mentioned the community investment component but didn't see a dollar figure for the Agency or the Council to decide to get it off the ground. He asked if it was open ended for the City to get it off the ground. He questioned if \$1,000 was sufficient and what would the community contribution be.

Commissioner Parker asked if the topic could be researched by the citizens and Committee and have it brought to the Council. He was in favor of having a separate mural committee and mural program.

Commissioner Spoon felt that if they were to have a right to opinion there should be a financial contribution from the City. She felt it would be an investment in public art and was open to seeing what the research said.

Vice Chair Hodson wanted to see what a monetary contribution would be from the mural committee.

Commissioner Spoon discussed other local URA programs and asked to be provided with scaled percentage of contribution options based on community significance of the project, the location, or how accessible it is so if one is more transformational for the community, the URA could decide if they were interested in contributing at a higher level.

DISCUSSION REGARDING POTENTIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE CANBY FIRE DISTRICT.

Mr. Archer stated this subject was for consideration. The City received a formal request from the Fire District. The intent was to discuss current planning with Urban Renewal and the sun setting of the URA.

Chair Varwig opened it up for questions and comments.

Commissioner Hensley was willing to give time to address questions and concerns with the Fire District.

Commissioner Spoon was interested in maintaining a good relationship with Fire District. In this case, she did not think they were in the position to do so yet because they have not had a conversation among themselves with the URA. She would prefer to have the work session address other conversations first and have conversation amongst themselves first before involving another board.

Commissioner Parker stated that there was a mismatch between the constituencies of the Fire District and the City of Canby. He added there was a mismatch where the

members of the Fire District Board did not come to speak with the URA but rather the Chief Executive Officer is the one in communication. He noted that the Fire Chief's counterpart would be the City Administrator. He stated that anyone that wanted to come speak with them could. He was not interested in meeting with the Board at this time. He also agreed there needed to be internal conversations prior to the rest of the body.

Vice Chair Hodson would like the commission to give the Chair and the URA Director Archer time to meet with the Fire District. Based on the last goal setting, there was an aggressive agenda to have multiple work sessions. He stated, he would like URA Director Scott Archer, Fire District Chief Davis, Mr. Carol, and Chair Varwig to meet initially.

Commissioner Hensley would like to maintain facetime with the Fire District. She agreed with Commissioner Parker and would like to see the board come before them and not only the Fire Chief.

Commissioner Bajorin would like to have internal conversations first and agreed with Commissioner Parker.

Commissioner Spoon agreed with Vice Chair Hodson in whether if Mr. Carol and Fire Chief Davis wanted to meet. She also acknowledged an aggressive agenda and would like to keep work sessions for immediate projects.

Chair Varwig asked Mr. Archer to check available meeting times to meet with Mr. Carol and Chief Davis.

Mr. Archer mentioned the next discussion with URA was tentatively scheduled for March 16th.

Chair Varwig would like to have a meeting prior to URA March 16th and make determination from there.

Commissioner Hensley motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Spoon.

Chair Varwig adjourned the Special Meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Melissa Bisset, CMC
City Recorder

Shawn Varwig
Chair