

August 2, 2010
8:18 P.M.
Newport, Oregon

The Newport Urban Renewal Agency met on the above date in the Council Chambers of the Newport City Hall. On roll call, Bain, Bertuleit, Kilbride, McConnell, Patrick, Brusselback, and Obteshka were present.

Staff present was City Manager Voetberg, City Recorder Hawker, City Attorney McCarthy, Community Development Director Tokos, Public Works Director Ritzman, Finance Director Marshall, and Police Lieutenant Teem.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar consisted of the following items:

- A. Approval of minutes from the URA meeting of June 21, 2010;
- B. Report of accounts paid - June 2010.

MOTION was made by Bain, seconded by McConnell, to adopt the consent calendar as presented. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS

Discussion regarding open space acquisition sites in South Beach. Tokos reported that the issue before the URA is the consideration of how the URA should identify and prioritize open space acquisition sites in South Beach since the city was unsuccessful in obtaining a Local Government Grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to purchase the South Beach Ravine and Coastal Dunes site. He asked what the URA priorities are relative to open space acquisition. Patrick noted that the vision for South Beach has shifted and suggested meeting with stakeholders to provide an update and solicit input. It was reported that the property had been appraised in March. Tokos noted that the property must be purchased at fair market value unless the seller is willing to sign a statement expressing a willingness to sell it for less. Obteshka suggested bringing other city resources to bear. Tokos noted that SDC's cannot be used. Bertuleit and Bain supported additional stakeholder input. Brusselback asked whether other properties may be available for purchase for open space, and Tokos indicated that property on Elm Street may be available as well as other property. McConnell noted that there is no clear idea on what open space is or should be, and how a decision is made to make a property an open space or park, and that a discussion needs to occur. Kilbride noted that all URA development monies for South Beach have been allocated to projects, and asked whether another purchase would remove funding from another project. He also asked about maintenance costs, and it was noted that the property in question would be left in a natural state. He asked whether the current partners are monetary partners, and it was noted that Lincoln Land Legacy has money for property acquisition and transactions such as surveys, but the

other partners are just supporters Brusselback suggested prioritizing open space decisions and developing a basis for decisions. Obteshka expressed support for purchasing the property and preserving the dune, and establishing criteria in the long term.

Janet Webster stated that she thinks the foredunes property is unique, but agreed that decisions are being made in a mushy environment. She asked about the Parks Master Plan that was due to be revised two years ago. McConnell suggested that staff attempt to secure the property, and resell if it does not fit into the plan. The Commission concurred, and staff will move forward in acquiring the property.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:49 P.M.

Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder

Patricia Patrick-Joling, Chair