

City of Bellevue
AMENDED
Bellevue Urban Renewal Agency Minutes
ZOOM MEETING
September 29, 2021

4:00 PM

Chairman Duncan called the meeting to order. Commissioner's present were Becky Duncan, and Jami Sluder and Doug Brown. Staff present was Ashley Dyer BURA secretary and City Planner, Diane Shay Community Development Director, and John Kurtz Park Committee Chair.

Notice and Hearing Compliance:

Notice for this meeting was posted in accordance with Idaho Code 67-2343 by the following:

1. The agenda was posted at the Bellevue Post Office, the bulletin board, outside Bellevue City Hall and on the city website on September 24, 2021.

Brown made a motion that the agenda was noticed in compliance with 67-2343, Sluder seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Meeting Items:

The first item on the agenda is a discussion item regarding proposed projects for the Fiscal Year of 2022 to be funded by the URA. The Commission submitted proposed projects which were imputed into a spread sheet to decide what projects to move forward with first.

Sluder asked about adding a community clean up event to the list- the commission agreed. Dyer stated that the city partakes in an event put on in the spring by ERC for a valley wide clean up, but I think a city event couldn't hurt.

Shay said that before COVID hit the valley, the city was working on putting on a full day clean up event that would end with a big BBQ at city hall, and obviously that didn't happen, but I know that is something we would love to happen.

Sluder said she thinks if we help facilitate a way for people to get rid of their stuff, I think that would really help clean town up a bit.

Brown seconded the city wide clean up event and believes we should get on that sooner rather than later.

Dyer suggested adding all proposed projects to the list, even if we can't get to them now, we will have it on the list and get to it when we can. The goal is to have an ongoing project list that we can check projects off from etc.

Brown asked when Duncan was going to join the meeting, I think it's important that she is here while we are making these decisions.

Dyer stated that she should be joining any time, that her other meeting was running little over but she should be here soon. The Commission is not making any funding or final decisions at this time, only proposals to the list.

Brown said one of his suggestions didn't make it to the list correctly. Scroll down to Pickle Ball Court and it was not looking into funding but looking into a study for a pickle ball court and a skate park. In other words, not the funding but to do a study to find out what the costs and options is the first step.

Shay said that as someone who used to live in the house right across the street from what used to be the Tennis Court, when the city changed it to a Basketball Court it changed the impact on the change of use. I understand the tennis courts maybe weren't being used enough but there was no public outreach. It changed overnight. Lots of people out there until late at night shooting hoops and I would like if this is a consideration that we make sure to reach out to the existing neighbors.

Shay said she has a few items she would like the board to consider; One being a band shell where the stage is over at Memorial Park. I found one from Victor Idaho that is really well done and it's big enough to house all the equipment and everything. Another one that has been at the forefront for me for awhile now is a new paint job on the City Hall. The paint is peeling, the chinking is messed up and if we were stuck in this building for longer than the building really needs a paint job. It really needs some work, and I would like to see BURA consider funding that. The other thing is we have a local who is kind and purchased the beautiful snowflake lights and the big holiday banner- you might remember that BURA funded the project to replace the Utility Pole in order to hang it. She would like to purchase more snowflakes to complete Main Street which would really light it up. There are 7 poles that need to be replaced and then there are 22 poles that are wired and there are 19 more that need to be wired. I put a call into C&R Electric for a quote. The building needs some kind of structural assistance, when the wind blows the whole building shakes, but it might be more of a professional job. Our building official put together a very thorough inspection report on the building. He mentioned that once we start scraping old paint off the exterior the logs might need more treatment/repair than expected.

Sluder said she thinks we should try to encourage the Main Street business to decorate Main Street for the holidays more.

Shay asked if this is the time to start prioritizing items?

Brown said he would like to go over a few of the items on his list that he proposed. Brown discussed that the bus stop on Spruce should be a priority, even if it's temporary. We need to be flexible and keep looking past obstacles. This has been a stubborn problem, and I think BURA could help. He discussed the Cedar Street problem and talked about BURA supporting an engineer study to finish that top part of Cedar so that we can have another artery to take pressure off other streets. Looking into a bond for the project is important. Brown also discussed the importance of financing the Broadford intersection safe route to schools and looking into a grant for that.

Dyer asked the Commission if they had projects that they would like to add to the top of the list to prioritize them.

Duncan said all these ideas are excellent and I would like to support them as much as possible.

Kurtz Park Chair said most of the items on the park list have been submitted to the Council so any or all of those should be considered. It's easy to get overly ambitious and get too much going on, but that's not to say that you don't have a list and prioritize it and get to what you can get to, and then just keep moving down the line & then you can look back and see what has been accomplished. They are all good suggestions. We can refer to the Park Committee's recommendations.

Dyer asked if anything stands out for the Park Committee.

Kurtz said we have never discussed the new proposed park so I can't speak to that. But Memorial Park the benches need to be repaired or replaced. New or additional Trash cans with associated dog stations. The swings at O'Donnell were not a recommendation but to have additional picnic tables at O'Donnell is good. Need to level the portable toilet at O'Donnell and maybe adding additional restroom. An additional restroom for Memorial but it needs to be done well- it needs to be housed or leveled. Everything associated with the picnic area at Memorial was on the recommendations. The Park Committee recommends to re-design the picnic area because it is so big. The idea is to remove half the structure so some tables can be in the sun. That will take some more structural planning and it's a larger project, but the work associated with having pavers added, additional tables, maybe sun sails, are really some great projects that are a worth while expense.

Brown suggested having a park site visit to go over the projects we are discussing.

The Commission went over the items and discussed the fist projects to move forward with getting bids/ quotes for. – City Hall- New paint job/ Exterior- possible structural, Park site visit to discuss projects at the park (New items, Bark, Picnic area, dog stations, Construct Band shell cover over stage, Quote/Bid from C&R Electric for replacing 7 lights for holiday decorations. Looking into grant for updating street lighting (Application due November each year)

Consent Items:

The Agency approved minutes from August 24, 2021, meeting.

Brown made a motion to approve minutes from August 24, 2021, Duncan seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Bills and Claims:

The Agency approved monthly claims submitted by the Treasurer.

Brown made a motion to approve the claims, Duncan seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Committee and Staff Discussion:

Next meeting is set for October 27, 2021, at 4pm to approve bids/quotes

Brown moved to adjourn the meeting, Duncan seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Signed this 18th day of January 2022


Jami Sluder, Chairman

ATTEST


Ashley Dyer, Secretary