

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
URBAN REVITALIZATION AGENCY
MARCH 22, 2016

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** – Dale Mahugh called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dale Mahugh, Bob Worley, Stephen Coe, and Robert Brown

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim O’Neill

STAFF PRESENT: Karen Byrnes, Susan Powell and Mary McCormick

CONSULTANT:

GUESTS: Mike Smith, The Montana Standard and Cindy Shaw, BSB Commissioner

APPLICANTS PRESENT: Fred Birch and Ryan Golds on speaker phone.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Bob Worley made a motion that was seconded by Stephen Coe to approve the minutes of February 23, 2016, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A copy of Financial Report is made part of the minutes.

Robert Brown made a motion that was seconded by Bob Worley to accept the Financial Report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Karen Byrnes gave a report to the Board on her trip to Nashville, Tennessee for the site selector conference she attended in February.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

5. **PARKING GARAGE UPDATE - PRESENTATION**

Karen Byrnes updated the Board on the parking garage. Karen had a movie that the architects created of the parking garage that was shown to the URA Board. The development agreements are still being worked on at this time. Karen told the Board that we are looking for a start date on the parking garage for the first week of June, 2016. There will be 248 parking spaces in the parking garage. Karen mentioned that Northwestern Energy contacted her and suggested putting in the parking garage a couple of charging stations for electric vehicles and that they would be willing to partner with us for the installation of the charging stations. Karen is still in conversation with Northwestern Energy on how this would work.

6. POTENTIAL PROJECTS – DISCUSSION OF FUTURE GRANT FUNDING POSSIBILITIES

Karen Byrnes talked about future grant possibilities. The first one is the second phase of Bob Wilcox's project for the Apex Apartments. The first phase was funded earlier this year. Karen told Bob that URA does not have any grant funds available at this time to be able to allocate for projects. The other project is Fred Birch, present at the meeting and Ryan Golds, on speaker phone to talk about their project. They are interested in grant funds for the Colonial Apartments at 100 South Montana Street. Karen has told interested persons for grant funds that money is not available at this time until possibly when the new budget year starts on July 1, 2016, but there is a possibility that we might know something sooner. Karen has not been able to give a definitive yes or no on when and if funds will be available for future projects. Projects will be revisited when funds are available.

7. OTHER ITEMS

Robert Brown would like to put on a future Agenda discussion of opened and closed meetings regarding when the Board is discussing personal and financial items but that information is relevant in the decisions that the Board makes with the money. Robert would like clarification of what can be talked about once the meeting is opened.

Robert Brown asked if the Board is going to have a long-term planning meeting regarding the new District and what the goals will be.

Robert Brown asked that if a loan has ever been converted into a grant. Karen answered that a loan has been converted into a grant in the past.

8. ADJOURN

Stephen Coe made a motion that was seconded by Bob Worley to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.