

**Butte-Silver Bow Superfund Advisory and
Redevelopment Trust Authority
Butte Justice Center – 3615 Wynne Avenue
April 26, 2016**

MINUTES

I. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chairman Joyce in the Butte Justice Center Conference Room, 3615 Wynne Ave., Butte, MT.

II. **Roll Call and Introduction of Members**

Chairman Bill Joyce - present
Member Tom Michalek - present
Member Megan Cusson - present
Member Wendy Grace - present
Member Stella Capoccia - present
Member Danette Melvin - present
Member Emily Munday - present
Member Neil Bolton - present
Member Mark Moodry - present
Member Mitzi Rossillion - present
Member Rick LaBreche - absent
Ex-Officio Dennis Henderson - present
Ex-Officio Cord Harris - present
Ex-Officio Eileen Joyce - absent
Ex-Officio Matt Vincent - present

Staff:

Julia Crain

A quorum was established.

III. **Approval of Minutes of the meeting of April 12, 2016**

It was moved by Member Mark Moodry and seconded by Wendy Grace to approve the minutes of April 12, 2016, as presented. The motion passed by a unanimous verbal vote.

IV. **Public comment on any item on the Agenda** - none.

V. **Public Hearings** - none.

VI. **New Business**

- Community Builders Project Coordinator John Lavey presented the finding of a New Mobility West-led technical analysis of the land uses along the edge of Park Street and associated policy recommendations, incentives, and design considerations that should be considered to enhance the Park Street Corridor aesthetically.
- An election of officers was held; Member Neil Bolton nominated to extend the tenure's of both Chairman Bill Joyce and Vice Chairman Stella Capoccia as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively. The motion was seconded by Member Wendy Grace. The motion passed by a unanimous verbal vote.
- The Authority began its discussion of funding for 20 projects moved forward at the April 2, 2015 meeting. A funding alternative was proposed by the Chairman for consideration by the Authority which provided the base funding request for all projects and broke each out by project type, either Community and Economic Development or Historic Preservation. Five projects were considered eligible for funding available in other Program Areas, such as Program 1 - Mine Waste Removal or Program 5 - Festival Economy. It was suggested that three projects receive funding through Program 1 and two through Program 5 reserving Program 2 and 7 for projects ineligible in other categories. Fifteen projects would then be eligible for funding through Program 2 - Historic Preservation or Program 7 - Community and Economic Development.

Funding Alternative 1, suggested providing all applicants 80% of their funding request. However, this suggestion seemed too arbitrary and many members saw the suggestion as potentially risking project feasibility. The Authority discussed how to best move forward to allocate at least some funding to each of the projects. It was determined that discussing the individual merits of each application and making decisions about essential project components would unnecessarily elongate the decision making process and as such the Authority moved away from Alternative 1 and moved toward a revised alternative.

Prior to discussion of Alternative 3, a discussion of festival-related projects was held. Two festival related projects were proposed the grant cycle - An Ri Ra and Covellite International Film Festival. After some discussion it was moved by Member Mark Moodry to fund An Ri Ra with \$25,000 and fund the Covellite International Film Festival with \$12,500. The motion was seconded by Member Tom Michalek. A substitute motion was offered by Member Stella Capoccia suggesting An Ri Ra receive \$20,000 and the remaining \$5,000 be allocated toward the film festival for a total of \$17,500. The motion was seconded by Member Wendy Grace. A vote was called and the substitute motion died. Returning then to the original motion, a verbal vote was called and the motion carried with 6 ayes and 3 nays.

Moving then to Program 7 - Community and Economic Development. Member Michalek discussed his preference for taking some risk and spending slightly more money and providing full funding to all Program 7 projects. Member Michalek moved to allocate a maximum of \$322,235 toward Program 7 projects or 100% of funds requested, including the revised request for Victory Circle of \$37,838, on the condition that each applicant participates in a presentation and question and answer session with the Authority. Although potential allocations of 100% have been approved, the Authority reserves the right to grant partial funding to any applicant. Member Moodry seconded the motion. A verbal vote was conducted and the motion carried with 6 ayes and 3 nays.

Discussion then moved to the Historic Preservation category or Program 2. The Authority discussed at length the important distinctions between the Community and Economic Development program category and the Historic Preservation category. While there is interest to fund as many projects as possible, it became clear that funding all Historic Preservation requests at 100% would have a detrimental impact on the category. In the interest of providing some funding to most projects a discussion was held proposing expanding available funding from \$75,000 to \$150,000, although this amount would not provide for full funding for all projects. For instance, removing the Columbia Gardens project from this year's funding cycle and the Covellite Theater Project was also discussed. It was suggested to prioritize exterior, structural improvements to the structure under the Historic Preservation category and moving the interior improvements to Program 7. Ultimately, this allowed the remaining projects to receive at least 80% of their request or \$148,873 while meeting goal of allocating no more than \$150,000 toward Historic Preservation Projects.

After significant deliberation, Member Neil Bolton made a motion to allocate 80% funding as reflected in Alternative 3 up to \$150,000 and to invite candidates in for interviews and revise funding pending the outcome of the interview process. The motion was seconded by Member Moodry. Member Munday on the question requested clarification on the motion asking if the motion funds 80% of HP projects or 80% of the total requests. Member Bolton clarified that the 80% was a reference to Alternative 3's 20% reduction to each request, including the revision to the Covellite Theater Project and removal of the Columbia Gardens project. Member Munday questioned the necessity of providing a funding ceiling expressing disagreement with reference to an arbitrary 80% funding allocation wishing instead to invite candidates in for an interview and making final decisions following the conclusion of the process. With a motion on the table, Member Bolton encouraged Member Munday to suggest such in a substitute Motion. The Chairman, seeing need to provide for some reference to at least a maximum funding amount, requested a substitute motion referring to a maximum amount of funding. At this point in time,

Member Bolton then elected to revise his original motion. He moved to allocate a maximum of \$148,873 for Historic Preservation projects and the components as reflected in Alternative 3, which eliminates the Columbia Gardens project and reduces the Covellite Theater Project request to only its exterior Historic Preservation components, and that funding allocations shall be decided upon after completion of a presentation and interview with the Authority. Although the Authority provides for maximum funding of \$148,873, the Authority reserves the right to grant partial funding to any applicant. The motion was seconded by Member Moodry. A voice vote was called and carried unanimously.

The meeting concluded with direction to staff to reach out to project sponsors and schedule presentations on the following two meeting dates, May 10 and May 26, 2016. Staff was also directed to draft letters to project sponsors instructing them to prepare short presentations to the Authority concentrating on project budgets and scopes of work. Communication should make the project sponsors aware that partial funding is likely and that project sponsors should be prepared to discuss impacts of reduced funding on their capacity to realize intended project outcomes.

VII. **Old Business** - none.

VIII. **Other Business** - none.

IX. **Special Subcommittee Reports** - none.

X. **Public Comment on any item not on the Agenda** - none.

XI. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Member Mark Moodry and was seconded by Member Neil Bolton. The meeting closed at 8:45 p.m.