

# Minutes of the Veneta Urban Renewal Agency

## May 10, 2010

Present: Chair Sharon Hobart-Hardin, T. J. Brooker, Darrell Carman, Marion Esty and Sandra Larson

Staff: Ric Ingham, City Administrator; Sheryl Hackett, City Recorder; Brian Issa, Community Services Director; Kyle Schauer, Public Works Superintendent; and Darci Henneman, Assistant City Recorder

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Sharon Hobart-Hardin called the Veneta Urban Renewal Agency to order at 8:36 p.m.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### 3. CONSENT AGENDA

None

### 4. FINANCIAL REPORT ENDING MARCH 31, 2010

Ric said the Council should see these reports more often. The only issue to highlight is the transfers taking place to fund the General part of the Urban Renewal Fund budget, we're 99% of budget received and as projects move along we're only about 25% complete of funding. The ending balance is about \$600,000 less than what we started the fund balance with.

In response to a question from T. J. Brooker, Ric said tax receipts were budgeted at 93% last year and the same was budgeted for this year. Actual revenue this year is at 107%.

Mayor Hobart-Hardin said the Urban Renewal Agency budget looks very healthy.

### 5. OTHER

With respect to the Fern Ridge Service Center, Ric said several grant applications were submitted in the last few months; Ford Family in January, CDBG in March, and the St. Vincent De/Paul Housing 202 grant was submitted last fall. All three gave word we did not get funding in the first round. Unfortunately, it's the same story; private foundations do not want to be the first to commit without some kind of prior public grant commitment. Ric provided the letter from the Ford Family Foundation saying they see the community need and benefit from the Service Center. We need to work on bringing together the match dollars. The CDBG said the same thing – reapply when we get private matching dollars. Ric said all four foundations are talking to one another and hopefully they will come together to match CDBG grant funds. Securing grant funds has become very competitive.

In response to a question from Mayor Hobart-Hardin, Ric said the Ford Family Foundation timeline will drive everything now. They declined our first quarter request and under normal circumstances they would make funding decisions every quarter. We were recently notified that the August board meeting (second quarter) is strictly a strategic planning session and funding requests will not be discussed until their October (third quarter) meeting. We'll wait until August or September to resubmit the CDBG grant application as part of the third quarter submittal to make sure we get feed back on any deficiencies, then CDBG can make a decision prior to the Ford Family making a decision. Because of the news the Fern Ridge Service Center has been pushed back for three

months.

Ric spoke with Terry McDonald of St. Vincent who indicated St. Vincent De/Paul did not receive their Housing 202 grant. They were very surprised that they did not get their funding for the Veneta project and will be appealing the decision. More than likely they will wait until next fall to resubmit the annual Housing 202 grant.

Kyle was notified the pre-construction meeting for the West Broadway Redevelopment Project is scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup>. Trucks will begin to move dirt by the end of the month, with the entire project done by the end of October. We were hoping to see some building construction start soon after but now it looks like it will be six to eight months.

In response to a question from Darrell Carman, Ric said we are bound to the signed contract with Babb Construction for the infrastructure improvements but we could hold off on the street lights and furnishings. On a brighter note, Ric said ODOT approved the two crosswalks at West Broadway across Territorial Rd. for access to the Transit Center.

**6. ADJOURN**

Chair Sharon Hobart-Hardin adjourned the Veneta Urban Renewal Agency meeting at 8:46 p.m.

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Sharon Hobart-Hardin, Chair

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Darci Henneman, Assistant City Recorder