

Minutes of the Veneta Urban Renewal Agency December 15, 2014

Present: Sandra Larson, Thomas Cotter, Victoria Hedenstrom, Thomas Laing and Brittany Boothe

Staff: Ric Ingham, City Administrator; Kay Bork, Community Development Director; Shauna Hartz, Finance Director; Kyle Schauer, Public Works Director; Darci Henneman, Assistant City Recorder, and Joan Mariner, Fern Ridge Review

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Larson called the Urban Renewal Agency meeting to order at 9:58 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION: Thomas Cotter made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Victoria Hedenstrom seconded the motion.**

VOTE: Thomas Laing, aye; Thomas Cotter, aye; Sandra Larson, aye; Victoria Hedenstrom, aye.

4. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT SITE

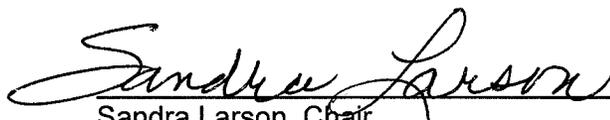
Ingham said staff has been discussing the large parcel on West Broadway between Second and Third St. and the options the City has for developing that lot. He said initially Terry McDonald of St. Vincent/DePaul was working on a multi-use building with retail shops on the first floor and housing on the second and third floors but because Veneta's distance from area hospitals, Mr. McDonald was not able to secure HUD grant funds for that project. He said Mr. McDonald would be happy to build just a thrift store but we're not sure that's what we want. Ingham said he and Bork can spend some time on this between now and January. He said one option the Agency has is to swap the property with Mr. McDonald and he would like Agency members to start thinking about that. He said we could provide Mr. McDonald with some incentives or get him to build something other than a thrift store. He said he'd like to plant the seed or put something on the table to get Mr. McDonald moving on this project. Ingham said staff will bring some thoughts to the January or February meeting.

5. OTHER

None

8. ADJOURN

Chair Larson adjourned the Veneta Urban Renewal Agency at 10.02 p.m.


Sandra Larson, Chair


Darci Henneman, Assistant City Recorder