



SPECIAL MEETING OF THE KETCHUM
URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
November 5, 2012

Commissioners present: Chairman Mark Eshman
Vice-Chairman Trish Wilson
Commissioner Randy Hall
Commissioner Nina Jonas
Commissioner Trina Peters

Commissioners absent: Commissioner Michael David
Commissioner Jim Slanetz

Also present: Executive Director Gary Marks
Attorney Stephanie Bonney
Ketchum Community and Economic Development Director Lisa Horowitz

1. This Special Meeting of the Ketchum Urban Renewal Agency was called to order by Chairman Mark Eshman at 12:09 p.m. at City Hall, Ketchum, Idaho.

Communications from the Board of Commissioners

2. Local Internet Access

Commissioner Nina Jonas and the Community Library's IT manager attended a broadband summit in Idaho Falls. Most attendees were government agencies and private Idaho companies invested in fiber and broadband. Topics included funding, federal grants, and The Recovery Act. Ketchum's future involvement would likely be to stimulate competition among private companies.

Local providers are eager to participate in a broadband strategic plan; and have provided maps of their underground infrastructures. The gaps can be connected with conduit to create loops all over town. CenturyLink already has phone line end feeds into residences and buildings. The anchor institutes—schools, the library, the hospital, the city—are ready to move forward.

3. Special Projects Committee discussion

Chairman Mark Eshman said he would like to have a better understanding of tax credit deals. He'd like to form a Special Projects Committee with expertise in real estate, housing, land swaps, etc. that would be available to interested companies or ideas. If necessary, the Committee can be confidential in candidly addressing out-of-the-box ideas and proprietary issues. The Committee can research and examine an idea and identify potential challenges. The Committee could comprise URA Board members, ad hoc members and a Councilmember; or could be variable with a project-specific skillset. Eshman and Marks will meet to craft a plan for the committee.

URA Visioning Session

Chairman Mark Eshman suggested the Visioning Session be postponed since this was Election Week and public outreach didn't get much visibility. Commissioners tentatively scheduled a noon meeting December 3-4-5. Public and businesses will be invited to actively participate in guiding the URA's future goals and projects.

3. Comments from the Public

There was no public comment at this time.

4. Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of minutes from the October 15, 2012 URA Board meeting
- b. Recommendation to approve current bills


Commissioner Trina Peters moved to accept the Consent Calendar, seconded by Commissioner Trish Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Trina Peters moved to adjourn at 12:56pm. Motion seconded by Commissioner Trish Wilson, and passed unanimously.

ATTEST:


SANDRA E. CADY, CMC
Secretary/Treasurer


MARK ESHMAN,
Chairman Vice Chair