



**Central Eastside Urban Renewal Advisory Committee (CES URAC)
Goodwill Industries (1943 SE 6th Avenue, Conference Rooms A&B)
Meeting Summary
April 13, 2009**

Present: Susan Lindsay (Buckman Community Association), David Lorati (CES Industrial Council), Rick Michaelson (Bosco-Milligan), Linda Nettekoven (Alternate member for HAND) Jeff Reaves (At-large member) Eric Shoemaker (At-large member city-side interests) Dardinelle Troen (At-large member creative industries) and Michael Whitmore (Kerns Neighborhood Association).

Guests: Chris Armes (PBOT) Jordana Goff (Energy Trust of OR)), Jonathan Maslin (BEAM Development) Lee Pearlman (Hollywood Star/SE Examiner), (PDC).

PDC Staff: George Cornett (Finance), Joleen Jensen-Classen (Public Participation) Pam Johnson (UDD Storefront Program), Trang Lam (UDD) Kia Selley (UDD)

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Chair Susan Lindsay at 4:06 p.m. She welcomed everyone and introductions followed. Susan Lindsay requested that the new CES URAC members, Dardinelle Troen and Eric Shoemaker, comment on their interest in the URA. Dardinelle has a graphic design business in the district and Eric has his office in the URA. Both are interested in the growth and prosperity of the URA.

Ms. Lindsay asked the committee that in review of the day's agenda if anyone had any statements of conflicts. None were declared. Ms Lindsay then proceeded to explain the issue of "conflict of interest" to the new members.

Approval of January 22, 2009; February 09, 2009 and March 9, 2009 Meeting Summaries

Because of an error in transmission (the February meeting summary was emailed twice to members instead of a march meeting summary) Susan requested that the group take time to review the meeting summary and the group would return to this item later in the meeting. When the URAC returned to this item the following correction were made:

- January 22, 2009 meeting summary: Page 3 paragraph one add Susan Lindsay's last name to avoid confusion with Susan Pearce. David Lorati provided the motion to approve and Jeff Reaves provided the second. The motion carried unanimously.
- February 9, 2009 meeting summary: Page 1 paragraph five add Susan Pearce's last name to avoid confusing with Susan Lindsay. Page 3 paragraph one add Susan Lindsay's last name to avoid confusion with Susan Pearce. Jeff Reaves provided the motion to approve and Michael Whitmore provided the second. The motion carried unanimously.

The motion to approve the March 9, 2009 meeting summary was made by Rick Michaelson and the second by David Lorati. The motion carried unanimously.

CES URA FY 2009-2010 Budget Review

George Cornett informed the URAC members that City Council would hear the URA budgets on May 5th. This will be a two hour session (for eleven URAs) and the exact time has not been determined. Once the time is know, the URAC will be notified by email.

On May 15, 2009, the PDC proposed budget will be released. Budget hearings before City Council are scheduled for May 25-27th. The PDC Commission will hold a public hearing on June 25th that will take public comment. The PDC budget will be adopted before the end of the fiscal year (June 2009)

George Cornett commented that there have been no changes in the budget since the last time it was presented to the URAC. He noted the final amounts for Personnel Services and Indirect Costs will not be ready until May 15th. This is a result of on-going negotiations between PDC and the soon to be formed Bureau of Housing.

The URAC members continue to have questions about the amount of Personnel Services and Indirect Costs. PDC staff agreed to provide:

- The analysis of charges that make up Personnel Services and Indirect Costs
- A comparison of these costs for all URAs and how they compare with the CES
- A copy of the letter previously submitted to city council regarding the CES URA budget

PDC staff clarified that if additional funds were needed for these two expenditures, the contingency line item would be tapped. Project line items would not be reduced.

Staff also clarified that assessed value growth in the Central Eastside is slower than the River District because of its industrial nature. The Rive District has dense residential development that lead to increased assessed value growth. At this time, the finance staff is not sure of the amount of increased assessed value will be a result of the streetcar project. The streetcar route in the Central Eastside is very different that then Westside routes.

Storefront Improvement Program

Pam Johnson, the Storefront Improvement Coordinator for the Central Eastside URA, explained a change in the program for the remainder of the 2009 fiscal year. The current program is targeted to industrial properties within the district between Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and SE Water Ave. Staff has noticed a decline in applications for the fund and is not sure if this is a result of the recession or if the need within the identified boundary has been satisfied. In an attempt to get money out the door, the staff adjusted the program to allow applications to come in from any business within the entire CES URA. There were several questions and concerns about this action. The URAC agreed to hold an in-depth discussion about the program for the next fiscal year.

URAC Meeting Schedule

PDC staff proposed that the CES URAC meet every other month because of reduced staff resources.

After a lively discussion the URAC agreed:

- To review past agendas and identify items that could better be handled by email
- Plan for in-depth strategic discussions about specific projects and issues that the group does not get to during the monthly meetings
- Continue meeting on a monthly basis because the project load is large and they need to hear about things in a timely manner.

Burnside-Couch Couplet

Chris Armes from PBOT provided a project update. She informed the URAC that Joe Weston owns property in the area of 14th and Sandy and would like PBOT to relinquish their easements there. Chris was not aware specifically what Mr. Weston wanted to develop in the area. She will provide the URAC with that information when she has it. The project is not has 100% design phase and under review by ODOT. This project did not qualify for federal stimulus dollars. There will be an open house on June 10th starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Jupiter Hotel. Notices will be mailed out shortly.

Project Updates

- **Routes to the River (R2R)**

Trang Lam provided a project update. Eight trees will be planted on SE Taylor and Salmon as part of the R2R project, and BES has received approvals from adjacent property owners on Clay Street to plant 29 trees between 7th and 12th Avenues. Six ADA ramps will be placed along SE Main (three ramps) and SE Salmon (three ramps). In addition existing bike lane, bike symbols and stop bars will be refreshed; and some new bike symbols and stop bars will be added.

- **Burnside Bridgehead**: No changes since last month.
- **Portland Streetcar**: No changes since last month.

The next meeting will be Monday May 11, 2009 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Goodwill Industries

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by Joleen Jensen-Classen Public Participation Manager