

Minutes for the Livingston Urban Renewal Agency
February 21, 2018; Wednesday 8:30 a.m. East Room

AGENDA

1. Call to Order – 8:40 am

Attendance: Karla Pettit, Matt Whitman, Patricia Grabow, Lisa Harreld, Kyra Ames (No quorum – no votes taken)

2. Consent Items

- **Approve Minutes from Regular Meeting, January 17, 2018**
 - No vote taken

3. New Business –

- 4. Scheduled Public Comment – (Not on the agenda) – Matt Whitman** – Matt provided an update regarding the opening bids for the downtown street project. The bids have been more expensive than anticipated. The bids are averaging \$15 and \$20 to remove and replace sidewalks, so the average will be \$18/ square foot to remove and replace. Originally, the URA contribution was estimated to be \$1.1 million. With the completion of the bids the URA contribution will be expected to be closer to \$1.9 million. The plans do not include design for sidewalk portals. Pettit thought CTA had completed design phase for the portals but agrees that may not be the case. No one has been able to locate any design for the portals. If design plans were completed, it may have been in approximately 2008 or 2009. The downtown street project will be completed, with the portal bases installed, with tubes in the ground in order to accommodate portals in the future. In the future, it will be more cost effective if a manufacturer does the design for the anchor bolts. Then the anchor bolts and portals won't have to be specially designed and made. The holes for the portals will be installed at Main and Callender, and Main and Lewis and 2nd and Callender. Those are the blocks to be completed this year. In the future, the URA, or whoever is putting in the portals, will go directly to a manufacturer to get portals fitted. Currently, COP, a company out of Billings, is the preferred company for the downtown project contract. The expected completion date is October 2018. The contract for the project will come before the City Commission on March 6, 2018.

Patricia Grabow inquired whether there is possibly any money in the URA budget to help the skate park out. Pettit explained the URA is on a spending moratorium. The only project that will be funded this year is the downtown flower baskets. Pettit is aware of other downtown businesses interested in requesting URA funds for façade projects and she has told them there is no available URA money.

5. Action Items –

6. Old/Continuing Business –

- **Finalize recommendation for bonding and future projects** – In November 2017 the URA voted to recommend 15 year bonding. The vote was unanimous. Any money left

over after funding the downtown sidewalks will go to residential sidewalks within the URA district. Patricia Grabow said she's still interested in bonding for more.

- **Discuss availability to attend City Commission meeting on March 20, 2018** – Karla Pettit will be available and plans to attend. She thinks Bob Ebinger will attend if he's available.
- **Accept resignation of Bill Spanring and discuss advertising for new member and future new member to replace Joe Hanser** – The opening on the URA will be advertised through March 9, 2018. The next URA meeting will need to be rescheduled as Ames will not be available on March 21 and Hanser will likely not be available. The meeting has tentatively been scheduled for March 12, 2018, possibly at 8:30 am or 2:15 pm. Lisa Harreld will send an email to URA members requesting availability.

7. Progress Reports

8. URA Commission Comments

9. Public Comments

- Patricia Grabow gave an update on BID projects.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am. Next meeting tentatively set for March 12, 2018, either 8:30 am or 2:15 pm.