

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

AGENDA

1. Call to Order – 8:35am – called to order by Karla Pettit

Attendance: Derek Smith, Danielle Crawford, Karla Pettit, Bob Ebinger, Matt Whitman, Lisa Harreld, Patricia Grabow, Liz Kearney, Willow Bach-Hansen, Kyra Ames (via polycom phone conference), Joe Hanser (via text)

2. Consent Items

- **Approve Minutes from Regular Meetings – January 17, 2018 and February 21, 2018**
 - Minutes not voted on. Will be voted on at next regular meeting.

3. New Business –

4. Scheduled Public Comment –

5. Action Item –

- **DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY – APPROVE FUNDING MECHANISM FOR BRIDGE LOAN OR GRANT TO LIVINGSTON SKATE PARK –** On 3/16 Pettit and Ebinger met with the City Manager and discussed the options for loaning money to the skate park. The option of making a good faith loan of \$65,000 to the skate park with either a 2 year or 3 year payback was discussed. Pettit presented the options to the board as a whole. Ebinger is in favor of a 2 year payback agreement. Pettit and Ames agreed that they are also in favor of a 2 year payback agreement. Derek Smith thanked the board for their support and said he believes the skate park committee will be able to pay the loan back in 2 years. **Pettit called the question. Ebinger made a motion for the URA to make a “good faith loan” of \$65,000 to the McNair skate park with the conditions for the loan to be paid back in 2 years, with the understanding that the interest (equal to the bond interest rate) will be considered a grant from the URA and all payback money (including interest) will go to the URA to be used in the façade program. Ames seconded. All in favor, motion passed 4-0. (Pettit and Ebinger present, Ames via telephone conference and Hanser via text.)**

6. Old/Continuing Discussion Items

- **Open URA seat –** The seat previously held by Bill Spanring has been advertised for. The Board will be asking around for someone with banking experience to apply for the seat which will be vacated by Joe Hanser in the near future.

7. Progress Reports

8. URA Commission Comments

9. Public Comments (Public comments proceeding the regular meeting adjournment. No votes taken and no decisions made.)

- Patricia Grabow offered information regarding a new parking lot or parking garage being proposed by Tyler Erickson and Manny Goetz. There is a potential for a private sector parking garage.
- Matt Whitman spoke about the upcoming downtown street project. The project starts April 2. There are many ideas being floated about promoting the downtown businesses during the construction. Public Works will be holding weekly meetings at the Livingston Center for Art and Culture, 119 South Main Street, every Wednesday morning at 8:30am, starting April 4.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m. Next regularly scheduled URA meeting is April 18, 2018.