

LIVINGSTON URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING May 26, 2021, 4:30 P.M.
WEST ROOM CITY/COUNTY COMPLEX
MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 4:35 p.m.

Attendance: Bob Ebinger, Rick VanAken, Allison Vicenzi, Karla Pettit, Kyra Ames, Lisa Harreld, Tom Blurock, Adam Stern

1. Consent Items
 - a. Approve minutes February 17, 2021 meeting – **Rick made a motion to approve. Kyra seconded. All in favor.** Approve minutes from April 21, 2021 meeting – **Karla made a motion to approve. Kyra seconded. All in favor.**
2. Scheduled Public comment – Adam Stern, on behalf of Legion Baseball league gave a plug for the American Legion Baseball District Tournament to be held July 22 -25, 2021. There will be 8 teams participating from across the region. The tournament will be a great opportunity to generate business for local businesses and promote legion ball and generate funds for the league. LBID will be promoting local businesses and will provide vouchers for umpires and teams for meals at local restaurants. The Chamber CVB will be involved. The URA expressed full support for the event.
3. Old and continuing discussion items –
 - a. Façade and Energy Efficiency Grant Guidelines – project not complete to date, will try to complete it this summer.
 - b. BID flower basket budget – Karla advised that the BID has agreed to fund half of the program. The invoice currently stands at \$13,580. Woods Rose Market is supplying the baskets. Bob said the URA will budget half of \$13,580 (\$6,790) plus ten percent to cover the costs for the URA. General agreement that the baskets are a worthwhile endeavor.
4. Façade grant application – The next deadline will be 10/1/2021. Allison relayed there is a local business interested in the energy efficiency program. That program is not currently in place. However, there can be crossover between the façade program and energy efficiency program, for instance energy efficient windows can also fit under the façade program.

5. Action item – Tom Blurock’s façade grant application – Tom said he spent a total of \$133,000 on his façade project. His initial request was for \$50,000. Bob said since we’re at the end of the current grant cycle and there is \$60,000 in the budget, the URA could offer \$60,000. The money for the new budget year will be in the URA budget by the next grant deadline of 10/1/2021. **Karla made a motion to grant \$60,000 to Tom Blurock for his façade project on 2nd Street. Kyra seconded. All in favor.** The businesses in the building will start opening at the end of June.

6. Progress Reports – None

7. Commission Comments – Karla will not be renewing her application for her URA seat. She’s been on the URA since 2003. She’s continue to be on the BID through next year. She’s owned the Pickle Barrel for 27 years. She’s ready for a change and ready to spend more time with her husband and travel. Kyra, Bob, Rick, and Allison all expressed thanks for Karla’s many years of dedicated service to the community.

The next scheduled meeting is June 16, 2021 at 4:30. The meeting will go forward if there is anything on the agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20pm