

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
URBAN REVITALIZATION AGENCY
March 26, 2019

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** – Dale Mahugh called the meeting to order at 8:57 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dale Mahugh, Stephen Coe, Robert Brown, Jim O’Neill and Bob Worley

MEMBERS ABSENT: All Present

STAFF PRESENT: Brianne Downey, and Susan Powell

CONSULTANT: Adam Benson, Director of Loan Services, Butte Local Development Corp;

GUESTS: Mary McCormick, Historic Preservation Officer ; Cindy Shaw, Commissioner; and Mike Smith, The Montana Standard

APPLICANTS PRESENT: Ted Ackerman, Applicant

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Bob Worley made a motion that was seconded by Stephen Coe to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2019, meeting as presented. Dale Mahugh voted yes.

Jim O’Neill and Robert Brown abstained from voting because they were not present at the February 26, 2019, URA Board Meeting.

3. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

A copy of the Financial Reports is made part of these minutes.

Brianne Downey, URA Financial and Project Manager, went over the Financial Reports with the URA Board.

Brianne reported to the Board that she did have a meeting with Lori Patrick in the Treasurer’s Office and we are toying around with, it is not an ACH program, but it is a module that the County can set up on the website and the loan clients can have a log in and then they can set reoccurring payments. Our account does not reach into their accounts, it just transfers. We are still working on it, this is just an update. It would be something that they can opt in,

Brianne does not think that we can mandatory do that yet, but it is a start. More to come on that.

Stephen Coe made a motion that was seconded by Bob Worley to accept the Financial Reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Karen Byrnes, Director, was not present at the meeting. Karen is in Salt Lake City at a Site Selector Meeting.

Robert Brown asked if Karen said anything about the closure of the Hennessey Market. Dale Mahugh answered that she did not. Cindy Shaw commented that their main product line went bankrupt or out of business and it completely put a stop to almost their entire lifeline.

Bob Worley asked about the old Northwestern Energy building. Brianne Downey answered that we have given several tours and we will just wait and see if somebody has a plan for it. Robert Brown asked if Wishrock from Missoula was out of it now. The answer was yes.

5. GRANT REQUEST

a. 53 West Park Street – Miner's Speakeasy – ACK Properties

Building Redevelopment
Project Cost - \$26,827.25

The Applicant, Ted Ackerman, was present at the meeting. The Applicant was seeking matching grant funds for new electrical service and new furnace. The Applicant is planning on placing a new 800-amp service to the building and replacing an old boiler. The Applicant has provided the necessary documentation.

URA Staff recommended funding in the amount up to \$6,706.81 or 25% of the eligible cost.

Robert Brown made a motion that was seconded by Stephen Coe to approve a 25% grant in the amount up to \$6,706.81 to Ted Ackerman for placing a new 800-amp service to the building and replacing an old boiler for the Miner's Speakeasy at 53 West Park Street. The motion carried unanimously.

6. GRANT TAKE-BACK REQUEST

Brianne Downey went over with the Board the URA Grant Appropriation Take-Backs (Memo is attached to these minutes). The total amount of take-backs is \$9,504.05.

Jim O'Neill made a motion that was seconded by Stephen Coe to approve grant take-backs in the amount of \$9,504.05 to be re-appropriated back into the grant funds as presented in the Memo dated March 26, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

8. OTHER ITEMS

Robert Brown stated that he has a couple things that he would like to show up at a future meeting. Robert thought at some point they could do some strategic planning or at least long-term goal setting and he assumes it will happen sometime this Spring. Robert wants to know more about the loans especially loans that are habitually delinquent, what recourse, if any, we have.

9. ADJOURN

Jim O'Neill made a motion that was seconded by Bob Worley to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.