Laurel Urban Renewal Agency

Minutes of meeting of April 17, 2023

Roll Call:

Meeting was called to order by the chair. Those in attendance from the board were: Don Smarsh, Daniel Klein (by phone) Janice Lehman, Planning Director, Kurt Markegard, and Judy Goldsby. Also attendance were Mardie Spalinger, Dean Rankin and Steve Solberg. The last three are local business people, and previous board members, who are willing to work with LURA for the betterment of the community.

Minutes: Minutes were revised to show the attendance at the previous meeting as Janice Lehman and not Linda Frickel.

Minutes were then approved.

New Business: It was discussed and agreed upon that Resolution 21-123 deals only with grants, and it is no longer our intent to deal with grants. Our bylaws remain as originally stated.

There was no one there representing EBURD or Big Sky EDA. The Senate Bill which is currently being proposed was discussed and the impact it could have on LURA and the TIFD.

It was agreed upon that we should proceed as outlined by the State to operate on the Proposed Projects basis. Many projects were brought forth including one agreed upon by all as our first to be addressed, That being the area of East Railroad Street, Bernhart Road and S.E. 4th Street. There are open ditches, lack of sidewalks, curbs and gutters and no lighting. Dean Rankin and Steve Solberg will go to the Refinery, who are owners of the property having the open ditches. Once the property owners are contacted, we can then go to the Mayor who, if he finds it worthy, will take it to the City Council. With their approval it can then be sent out for studies and engineering. Don Smarsh presented the motion, Daniel Klein seconded, motion carried.

The board will meet with the Mayor and City Attorney to address the resolutions that are no longer necessary, and they can proceed with those as they see fit.

Old Business: Grants will no longer be a function of LURA as they have in the past.

Next meeting: May 1, 2023

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn.