

Livingston Urban Renewal Agency Agenda

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The regular meeting of the Livingston Urban Renewal Agency Committee has been scheduled for February 27, 2024 at 4:30 PM in Community Room, City/County Complex. This meeting will be facilitated by Allison Vicenzi.

1. Roll Call

URA Members in Attendance: Lisa Garcia, Rick Van Aken, Allison Vicenzi

Staff in Attendance: Planning Director Jennifer Severson, Policy Analyst Greg Anthony

2. Approval of Minutes

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 14, 2023

Motion to approve minutes made by Rick seconded by Lisa. Unanimously approved.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 28, 2023

Motion to approve minutes made by Lisa seconded by Rick. Unanimously approved.

3. New Business

A. LINCOLN SCHOOL FACADE GRANT CONSIDERATION

Chair Vicenzi introduced the item.

Katherine Daly a representative from the Lincoln School Foundation gave a brief overview on their request for pre-approve for their climate control and historic rehabilitation project.

Rick clarified that the Montana Historic Preservation grant is due in 2 days.

Katherine wondered what the options are for pre-approval from the URA

Allison stated the URA and pre-approve grants that are starting in 18 months of historical preservation committee, and project completion needs to be within 18 months of approval from the URA. She clarified they would need another meeting based on the Lincoln School Foundation timeline.

Lisa asked if the URA has an estimated budget for 2025.

Allison stated no, but their main project is the Thompson Building.

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Lisa asked about the budget for this project and wondered if the monies use for storm windows is outside the purview of URA.

Allison stated yes, it fits the criteria for façade.

Rick motioned to approve this project seconded by Lisa with a request for updated information before the project. Unanimously approved.

B. EARTHCAM DICUSSION

Allison introduced the item.

Policy Analyst Greg Anthony gave a brief presentation on Earthcams, but mainly asking if this is something the URA would be interested in having downtown, and funding. If yes, he would come back with a more detailed presentation.

URA members were interested, so Greg will bring this back at a future meeting.

4. Old Business

A. DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN - ANDY RUTZ

Allison introduced the item.

Andy turned it over to Matt Prosser.

Matt presented slides from Crescendo Planning and Design.

(Starts at Video Mark 1:29:15)

URA Board had a discussion about the presentation. Working through ideas and questions for the Downtown Master Plan.

B. RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE

Allison introduced the item.

Planning Director Severson discussed updates on the Residential Rehabilitation Grant Program.

URA members asked questions and discussed the updates.

5. Public Comments

Mary Betley is part of the View Vista Community and realizes they have good housing, but need help developing it and is looking to the URA for some help in this area.

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Patricia Grabow handed out and discussed a flyer she had made with Livingston history.

Justin Gayeon suggested some branding on a way to get the word out about the Residential Rehabilitation Grant Program. He discussed GAP loan funding and share his ideas for this.

Katherine Daly also discussed GAP loan funding, and would like to come back and talk about housing related issues with the URA.

6. Board Comments

Allison shared some information from the focus group with Downtown Master Plan. The main take away was they had taken the maps and studies and updated it with community feedback.

7. Adjournment

Rick motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Lisa.

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