

# Urban Renewal Authority Meeting

August 3, 2023

**Called to order at 10:00 a.m.**

**Present:** Katye Ames (President), Rob Graham (Vice President), Ken Dugas, Ryan Whitehead

**Not Present:** Chet Halverson

**Non-Committee members present:** Lonnie Olson, Stefanie Boster, Valerie Pickard, Athen Mores, Jamie Winters, Randy byers, Jeff Wagner, Sarah Bunton, Tim Barnes, Jeff Noffsinger, John Dinneen, Marca Fox Grigsby, Eric Whitfield, Stephanie White, Chris Allred

**Minutes from last meeting approved:** The minutes from the June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 meeting were approved, with Katye Ames moving and Rob Graham seconding.

**New Business:**

- a) **West Downtown Urban Renewal Plan and Project:** Mr. Olson gave a staff report on the West Downtown Plan and Project. No questions from the board.

Marca Grigsby on behalf of Forister Family Trust, about another letter that they received from the city. Mr. Olson stated that property owners were notified of the plan and project, but he is not involved with the contents of the other letter. Mr. Olson then read the letter that staff send out to property owners regarding the plan and project into the record. Marcia asked for clarification on if a leased business on the property would have no interruptions of their business upon passage of the plan and project? Mr. Olson said that is correct there would be no interruptions to anyone in the plan and project area. Marcia asked if the tax increment funding would result in additional taxes on the properties or if their tax bill would be frozen. Mr. Olson answered that no additional taxes would be added to property owners upon passage and taxes would act as they normally do. The entities that receive taxes would have their share frozen but any additional tax increase through redevelopment or natural increases would then be put into a fiduciary fund that would be available for those property owners to use. Marcia asked if property owners could apply to use these funds? Mr. Olson answered that any property owner within the area could apply to use these funds based on the eligible expenses within the plan and project. Katye Ames asked for further public comment. None. Ryan Whitehead moved to approve the West Downtown Plan and Project as presented by staff; and authorize submission of the plan and project for review and recommendation by the Planning Commission in accordance with W.S. §15-9-108. Rob Graham seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Other Business:** Mr. Olson notified the board that the new Metropolitan Planning Organization director Jeff Noffsinger was present. Mr. Olson also notified the public present that he is available to be contacted regarding the West Downtown Plan and Project if they had any questions or concerns.

**Katye Ames made a motion to adjourn. Ryan Whitehead seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.**

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Lonnie Olson, Planner I, Planning & Development Department