# **MINUTES**

# COLUMBIA GATEWAY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2014

# CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER 313 COURT STREET THE DALLES, OREGON

PRESIDING:

Chair Steve Lawrence

**AGENCY PRESENT:** 

Bill Dick, Carolyn Wood, Dan Spatz, Tim McGlothlin, Linda

Miller

AGENCY ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Nolan Young, City Attorney Gene Parker, City Clerk

Julie Krueger

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lawrence at 6:28 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Roll call was conducted by City Clerk Krueger; all Agency members present.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Dick and seconded by Wood to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Spatz to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2013 special meeting and November 25, 2013 regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

### Update Regarding Granada Block Redevelopment Project

City Manager Young provided a memorandum, updating the Agency on the status of the Granada Block Redevelopment project. He said the next benchmark was to present the redevelopment plan and conceptual design, in March or April.

Chair Lawrence said he had read the archeological report and noted there were specific requirements the developer would have to meet. He asked Mr. Leash if he thought there would be any problems complying with the report.

Michael Leash said it was a preliminary report, but he didn't think there would be any problems as long as they were able to construct the project by not digging deeper than one meter into the ground.

City Manager Young said the report was still in draft form. He said it would be finalized and sent to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and at that time would become a public document. Young said it had been a very expensive process.

Miller asked if the report could halt the development. City Manager Young said it would not stop development and that mitigation measures would be taken.

Chair Lawrence said the report had mentioned a problem with the Hood River Hilton project. Leash said they were having environmental problems and would not be building that project for quite a while. He said he hoped The Dalles would have the first Hilton in the Gorge area.

Miller asked what the changes were to the size and structure. Leash said the reduction of 10 to 15% was in the cost, not the size. He said the plan was still for the same footprint, 117 guest rooms, and four stories. He said they had value engineered the project to reduce the cost.

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# **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Submitted by/
Julie Krueger, MMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:

Stephen E. Lawrence, Chair

ATTEST:

Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk