



PUBLIC MEETING

February 5, 2015

Minutes

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on February 5, 2015, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

Roll Call

Chairman Andy Hunthausen called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Susan Good Geise and Commissioner Mike Murray were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Eric Bryson, Michele Peterson-Cook, K. Paul Stahl, George Thebarger, Greg McNally, Christal Ness, Laura Erikson, Sharon Haugen, Kellie McBride, Robie Culver, Rebecca Ryland, Mark Runkle, Joanne Garnet, Matt Witkos, Al Knauber, and Nichole Nisbet, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

Announcement

- a. February 10, 2015, Public Meeting Canceled – MACo Conference.

Contract Amendment Contract #MT-CDBG-11PF-08A between Lewis and Clark County and the Montana Department of Commerce. (Laura Erikson)

Laura Erikson presented the contract amendment between Lewis & Clark County and the Montana Department of Commerce for the addition of \$450,000 to the original contract that was awarded from the CDBG Housing Grant award for a total contract amount of \$900,000.

Kellie McBride, Director of YWCA, expressed her appreciation to the Commission for their support in rehabilitating the building. The rehabilitation of the building includes deferred maintenance and it is not currently ADA

compliant. The historic integrity will be maintained but the building will better serve women and children.

Robie Culver, Stahly Engineering, expressed her appreciation to the Commission to have the ability to be apart of the project. An update was given on the bid process and they will open the bids on March 2nd.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Murray and seconded by Commissioner Good Geise, and the motion result was Passed with a vote of 3-0

Decision. Brodston Family Transfer Appeal. (tabled from 2/3/15) (Christal Ness)

Christal Ness presented decision day on the Brodston Family Transfer Appeal.

Commissioner Hunthausen asked if the family transfer could be conditionally approved.

Michele Peterson-Cook, Deputy County Attorney, stated that you are not able to conditionally approve the family transfer since it is an exemption of the subdivision and platting act. The Commission does not have the ability to conditionally approve an exemption you may only approve or deny the transfer.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Deny was made by Commissioner Murray and seconded by Commissioner Good Geise, and the motion result was Failed with a vote of 1-2

Helena Urban Standards Boundary Update. (George Thebarge)

George Thebarge, Director of Community Development and Planning, presented the Helena Urban Standards Boundary Update as a follow up to the presentation made two weeks ago before the Commission in regards to the County Growth Policy. The Key Issues report was released and reviewed by staff and stakeholders. A companion project has been in the works between the City of Helena and The County to set the Helena Urban Standards Boundary since 2009. A grant from the American Planning Association had been awarded for the Community Assistance Program and provided a team of planning professionals to come to Helena to assist in reviewing the Helena Urban Standards Boundary. The program will include brainstorming and input on how the City of Helena, Lewis & Clark County, the development community and existing neighborhoods can get a common base of understanding on what the issues are, what the options are and get a vision for moving forward so that development can occur in the Urban Standards Boundary. The team will prepare a report and in within a month the report will be presented with the summary conclusion to the Commission and the stakeholders. The intent is to take the report and incorporate it into the Growth Policy Update.

Joanne Garnet, a planning consultant and the team leader of the Community Assistance Planning Team stated that the primary responsibility of their team was to help augment the staff to handle the stakeholders event that was held on Tuesday. The event included 40 public representatives from the building industry, consultants, developers, DNRC and DEQ representatives along with City and County Staff. The event was broken into four roundtables that looked at the big issues of the urban standards boundary area and how it relates to future development, they discussed the challenges and opportunities, what is working well, the possible goals for the area and what would the stakeholders like to see in the area along with where they would like to see development at higher densities and where it was not appropriate. Some of the highlights from the stakeholder meeting include that there is concern for the County being reactive rather than proactive. There was a broad consensus that the County needs to move to resolve issues and continue to work with the City. They felt a need to utilize tools such as zoning and for public and private partnerships on infrastructure projects. They would also like to see the County move forward with the final implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding from 2009 and to have a vision to what the areas development will look like. Next the team is compiling a report that includes issues goals and implementation and will include their own recommendations as well.

No public comment was received.

Board Appointments. (Eric Bryson)

Eric Bryson presented the Fair Board appointment and asked the Commissions recommendation.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve the appointment of Allen Cormany to a 3 year term that will expire 12/31/2017 was made by Commissioner Geise and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen, and the motion result was Passed with a vote of 3-0.

A motion to Approve the appointment of Charlie Smith and Faydee Hamilton as non-voting members on the Fair Board was made by Commissioner Murray and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen, and the motion result was Passed with a vote of 3-0.

Eric Bryson presented the Weed Board appointment and recommended the appointment of Orville Johnson to a 3 year term on the Weed Board with a term that will expire 12/31/2017.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Geise and seconded by Commissioner Murray, and the motion result was Passed with a vote of 3-0.

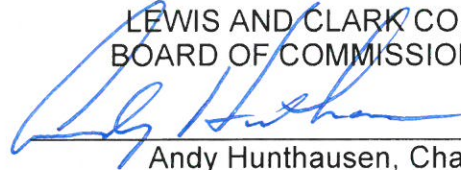
No public comment was received.

Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.

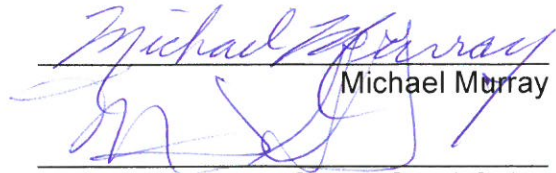
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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.

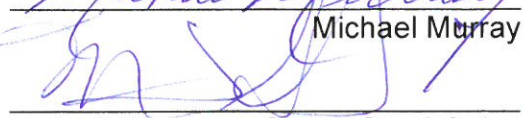
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Andy Hunthausen, Chairman

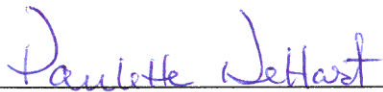


Michael Murray



Susan Good Geise

ATTEST:



Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board