

**MEDFORD URBAN  
RENEWAL AGENCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**



**MEDFORD**  
URBAN RENEWAL

June 9, 2021  
5:00 – 6:00 P.M.  
**Virtual Meeting**

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**10. Roll Call at 5:06 p.m.**

Committee members and staff present: EJ McManus, Christian Nelson, Caprice Moran, Cailin Notch, Bill Boehning, Councilor Eric Stark, Medford Urban Renewal Agency Executive Director Harry Weiss, Medford Urban Renewal Agency Administrative Assistant Shannon Thorpe.

Absent: Committee member Marie Cabler and Councilor Michael Zarosinski.

Committee member Daniel O'Connor entered the meeting at 5.25 p.m.

Committee member Barbara Laskin entered the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Committee member Robert Shand entered the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**20. Approval or Correction of the Minutes of February 17, 2021 and May 12, 2021**

Approved as submitted.

**30. Oral Requests and Communications from the Audience**

None.

**40. Continued Committee Business**

None.

**50. Agenda Items**

**50.1 Virtual & In-Person Meetings**

Mr. Weiss discussed the probability of opening up for in-person as early as the middle of June, if not by July 1, 2021.

Mr. Weiss inquired what the committee felt comfortable with in regards to in person or virtual meetings. Mr. Boehning suggested in-person meetings once a quarter and then other meetings would be virtual. Other committee members agree that this would work for them.

**50.2 Public Art**

Mr. Weiss discussed an inquiry from Laz Ayala about a series of six murals down Evergreen Street that he is working on getting permission from property owners to display. Mr. Ayala inquired with Mr. Weiss if MURA would be available to contribute funds.

Mr. Weiss inquired of the committee: is public art in general, an activity that the committee feels MURA would contribute to or become involved with?

- It is not specifically addressed in the State statute. It does not discuss sculpture and certain types of three dimensional art.
- It would require a minor amendment of our Urban Renewal Plan to allow a project of this type.
- It would an appropriation of the Board for funding to support it.
- It would need to be a specific proposal as it is nowhere to be found in the current Urban Renewal Plan.
- It would need to have some sort of formal endorsement from the Board and parameters about what the Committee would be doing.

Committee members discussed ideas and had questions for Mr. Weiss.

Mr. Weiss stated it seems the committee would like to be a participant on the funding side, under certain criteria, and not help run a program.

Committee agreed.

**50.3 Project & Funding Prioritization**

Mr. Weiss stated the board wanted to have a conversation about where we are in regards to the remaining resources that we project, what has been committed, what is obligated. How we go about making final decisions or allocating resources to the other projects that are still in the pipeline.

Mr. Weiss shared a spreadsheet showing all the funds MURA has, with expenses, showing the funds that remains to be allocated.

Mr. Weiss discussed projects that are in process.

Committee discussed what they would like to see with the reports.

60. Committee Reports

None.

70. Committee Member Remarks

July 7, 2021 is a tentative date for the next MURAAC meeting, which is a week earlier than Normally schedule.

80. Staff Reports

None.

90. Adjournment at 6:19 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.



Shannon Thorpe

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