THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS

June 2011 Update

Business Opportunity Projects

- Current projects
  - SE Twin waterline – JUB has bid the waterline project and will open bids on June 15. The bids will be reviewed and a recommended bid will be in front of the board at the July 11 board meeting for consideration.
  - C3/Concept 91 parking lot is in need of repairing and seal coating. Staff worked with K&G Property Management to bid the work and expects to bring the bids for the board's consideration at the June 13 board meeting.
  - At a special board meeting on June 3, the board approved hiring Myers-Anderson Architects to design the new roof, provide construction documents, bid the construction, and oversee the construction itself. It's hoped that the roof construction will commence by August 1.
- New Leads
  - Sent in a response to Idaho DOC for an out-of-state manufacturing facility. As is typical, DOC provides very limited information about the project for confidentiality reasons.

Downtown Development

- Brix & Co. Mark Rivers is working 3-4 development projects with various partners for old town and downtown. It's too early to determine if/when they may move forward.
- A new Farmer's Market began on May 6. The weather has been really rainy thus far and organizers expect the market will pick up much more when the weather improves. Thus far they've had from 10-18 vendors at the events. There has been very positive media.
- BID match fund program – thus far the board has approved 8 projects. Currently there are 3 projects that will be reviewed by the subcommittee to bring to the July meeting. There is just over $31,000 left that is uncommitted. Approved applicants have 6 months to complete their project to be reimbursed.
- Twin Falls is taking part in Operation Facelift which takes place the week of June 13. URA, City, Mark Rivers, and volunteers will all work some aspect of this region-wide downtown cleanup effort whether it's painting, landscaping, street cleaning, sidewalk sweeping, pothole repairing or the projects that URA has commenced such as improved kiosks and the BID façade program.

Communication/Administrative

- Melinda has completed the first review of the website and sent back her comments to MSVM.
- Dr. Geoffrey Black, Economics Department Chairman at Boise State and his colleague, Dr. Don Holley, visited on June 10 to discuss a possible impact analysis of urban renewal projects for Twin Falls. This would help residents really understand the benefits of urban renewal to the community.
- The first year of the Agency's 5-year plan ends in May. The strategic implementation committee is beginning to review for accomplishments and tweaks. As the City reviews its own plan, this may be an opportunity for the Agency and City to review how best to coordinate each of our plans or strategies for the community's best interests.
- Melinda has completed the 2010 annual report that is designed as a companion piece to our 2010 audit. The communications subcommittee reviewed it, made some suggested changes, and it's ready to provide to the state tax commission, local taxing districts, and the media. As it's a companion piece to the 2010 audit, activities covered in the report begin Oct. 1, 2009 and end Sept. 30, 2010.
- 2012 budgeting will begin soon – the budget committee will want to begin meeting with staff to develop and refine.