THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS

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MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2012

The Urban Renewal Agency held its regular monthly meeting at 12:00 p.m. this date in the Twin Falls City Council Chambers located at 305 3rd Avenue East, Twin Falls. Those present were:

Gary Garnand	URA Chair
Tom Frank	URA Vice Chair
Cindy Bond	URA Secretary
Bob Richards	URA Member
Larry Hall	URA Member

Absent

Bill Koch	URA Member
Leon Smith	URA Member

Also present:

Melinda Anderson	Urban Renewal Executive Director
Mitch Humble	Twin Falls City Community Development Director
Renee Carraway	Twin Falls City Zoning and Development Manager
Katy Touchette	City of Twin Falls Executive Assistant
Leon Mills	Twin Falls County Commissioner Liaison
Gary Haderlie	JUB Engineers
Mike Tracy	Tracy Communications

The meeting was called to order at 12:05. The first part of the meeting was not recorded, due to technical difficulties with the recording equipment.

<u>Agenda Item – Consent Agenda</u>

Melinda Anderson asked if anyone on the URA board was able to provide clarification to the minutes from December 2011, regarding who made particular motions; however, none of the board members present were able to provide the clarification.

After a short discussion, Tom Frank made a motion to accept the December 12, 2011 minutes; Bob Richards seconded the motion. The question was raised as to also accepting the December 2011 financial report. However, Tom Frank and Cindy Bond both had questions regarding the way the document was formatted. Melinda explained that if the financial report was not approved, checks that needed to be paid out would have to wait. After a short discussion, roll call vote was taken on the motion to approve the December minutes, and all board members present voted to approve the minutes. Tom Frank then moved to accept the December financial report with the understanding that the January financial report format would be reviewed so as to make the document easier to understand; Cindy Bond seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed that all board members present voted to approve the financial report.

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Agenda Item – Update of SE Twin Water line project - Gary Haderlie, JUB Engineering

Gary Haderlie gave a short update of the waterline project and how the work is progressing. Using the overhead projector, he showed the costs that have been associated with the project, including original figures, costs to date, and projected figures. He explained that one item that will change is the generator that was planned, as with Chobani coming to the area the generator will have to be bigger than first thought. This will increase costs.

(The meeting began to be recorded at this time.)

Melinda Anderson explained that block grants that have been applied for may help cover some of the expected increased expenses that will be incurred with the new, larger generator. Some discussion followed on the waterlines and what they will be able to handle as far as water capacity.

Agenda Item – Communications Update – Mike Tracy

Mike Tracy gave an update on the video that is being created and how the new Chobani plant has helped make the video better than expected, with the positive publicity up to this point as well as media items that are available to use for this video at no charge. He plans to have the video ready for the board at the next URA meeting.

Agenda Item – Downtown Update – Mark Rivers

Melinda Anderson gave a brief report on downtown projects, as Mark Rivers was not present. She said that there are two potential downtown projects but nothing is certain at the moment.

Agenda Item – Public input and/or items from the Urban Renewal Agency Board

Melinda also reminded the board of the judicial confirmation hearing set for January 30, 2012, regarding the proposed new URA revenue allocation area. She stated that a "letter of engagement" between the URA and the bank is in the works, and that City of Twin Falls CFO Lorie Race, City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich, and Rick Skinner, bond counsel are all involved in preparing the letter.

Twin Falls County Commissioner Leon Mills spoke to the board for a moment about the MOU that was discussed in the past, and he wanted the board to know that this issue can be revisited if the board chooses to do so.

Agenda Item – Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Next regularly scheduled URA meeting is Monday, February 13, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Katy Touchette
Executive Assistant

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