

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF LAFAYETTE LAFAYETTE URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY MEETING May 12, 2020

Opening of the Regularly Scheduled Meeting Call to Order

Chair Muller opened the May 12, 2020 meeting of the Lafayette Urban Renewal Authority (LURA) at 5:30 p.m. virtually. Those present were Muller, Vice Chair Cutler, and Commissioners Arrington, Bonner, Gross, and Rodgers.

Also present was Executive Director Caruso, City Administrator Sprague, Deputy City Administrator Kady Doelling, and City Attorney Macsalka.

Recess to Executive Session

The Authority moved to recess to executive session according to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) to confer with the LURA Attorney for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions pertaining to the Urban Renewal Plan for the Lafayette Old Town and South Boulder Road Revitalization Area.

Return from Executive Session

The Authority reconvened the May 12, 2020 meeting of the Lafayette Urban Renewal Authority at 6:25 p.m.

Minutes from the March 10, 2020 Meeting

Arrington moved to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2020 meeting, Bonner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Items from the Public

Discussion of the Micro-Grant Program due to COVID-19 Impacts

Caruso discussed the City's COVID-19 Emergency Grant Program that was recently completed. Caruso stated LURA's final contribution was \$133,000 of an allocated \$200,000. Caruso stated that at a previous meeting the Authority asked Cutler to look into what else LURA to do to support businesses in the Authority's area.

Cutler discussed the City's program and staff perspective on how LURA can provide additional support to businesses, and what other cities and urban renewal authorities were doing to help businesses in their communities. Cutler stated that one of the ideas is a micro-grant program.

The commissioners discussed the benefit of a microgrant program. Caruso state he would recommend the Authority allocate the unspent money from the City's program of approximately \$67,000. Arrington stated he thought the Authority should wait until

implementation of an additional City program, and that other ideas such as marketing and business help may be more appropriate.

City Attorney Macsalka gave legal perspective on the potential grant program. Commissioner Rodgers discussed her perspective on the benefits of a potential microgrant program. Cutler stated that she believed whatever was done by the Authority today, there may be additional things that Authority should do to help businesses.

Cutler moved to approve the Microgrant Program Due to COVID-19 Impacts, for up to \$100,000 in total, with up to \$2,000 maximum per business owner. Seconded by Gross. Chair Muller, Vice Chair Cutler, and Commissioners Bonner, Gross, and Rodgers moved to approve. Commissioner Arrington moved to deny the motion. Motion passed.

Sprague gave perspective on an efficient way to review grant applications.

The Authority selected Commissioners Bonner and Gross to serve as a committee to review grant applications.

Sprague, Doelling, and Macsalka left the meeting.

Discussion of the LURA/City Council Upcoming Workshop

Muller stated he spoke with Sprague and will discuss more with the Authority in the future.

Storage Units

Caruso gave an update on the design of the storage units on Baseline Road. Caruso stated eight (8) applications were received, five (5) were invited to interview, and Wenk & Associates was selected as the designer for the project. Caruso stated there will be upcoming meeting with the designer to discuss community engagement. Muller stated he though the interview process was a success and is excited to move forward on the project.

General Updates

Caruso gave general updates for the redevelopment of the gas stations on Baseline Road, the former Millers Grille, the 700 block of Public Road, and other activities in the district.

HPB Update

Caruso gave HPB updates provided by their staff liaison.

New Business/Staff and Commissioner Reports

Cutler discussed the offerings from Downtown Colorado, Inc. Arrington and Muller discussed interest in attending these offerings.

Adjourn

Muller moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Kevin Muller, Chair

Roger Caruso, Executive Director/Secretary

The minutes herein are a summary of the business conducted at this meeting, not a verbatim transcription. Only the actions taken and text appearing within quotation marks are verbatim.