

CITY OF ELKO
REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
4:00 P.M., P.S.T., THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018
ELKO CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
1751 COLLEGE AVENUE, ELKO, NEVADA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Jon Karr, Chairman of the City of Elko Redevelopment Advisory Council (RAC), at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: **Jon Karr**
 Jeff Dalling
 Chris Johnson
 Lina Blohm
 Catherine Wines (*arrived at 4:02 p.m.*)

Absent: **Don Newman ECVA**
 John Kingwell, Elko Co.
 Sonja Sibert, GBC
 Steve Bowers, Elko Co. School Dist.

City Staff: **Scott Wilkinson, Assistant City Manager**
 Jeremy Draper, Development Manager
 Shelby Archuleta, Planning Technician

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

There were no public comments made at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 26, 2017 – Regular Meeting **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

***** A motion was made by Lina Blohm, seconded by Jeff Dalling, to approve the minutes as presented.**

**Motion passed unanimously. (4-0)*

I. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review and consideration for a directional signage program for the Central Business District, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Catherine Wines arrived at 4:02 p.m.

Scott Wilkinson, Assistant City Manager, explained that Ms. Laughlin was going to be absent for the meeting and that he would start things off. This item was requested to be placed on the agenda. It is an element of the Redevelopment Plan do to directional signage in the community. He then turned it over to Ms. Wines, who provided the background information on the possible signage program.

Catherine Wines thought they had talked about this before, but it had never been on an agenda. The picture that was in the packet, she took a couple years ago in Sun Valley, because she thought it was a smart design. It's just two pieces of square pipe, one stuck in the sidewalk and the other slides down over the top. They wouldn't necessarily be to give directions, more of place makers, similar to the banners that hang on the light poles. She then explained her preliminary design. Each one could say something different. It would be about having these things that mark where downtown is and mark the Central Business District.

Lina Blohm asked if they would be on every corner in the downtown.

Ms. Wines said that was what Sun Valley did. Each one had something different on it. She thought they might be able to sell a circle for advertising, which could also help pay for them. She thought it was a smart design, and she liked how when you saw them you knew you were in a certain district of town.

Chairman Jon Karr asked if she was envisioning Redevelopment money paying for these, or like the boots that the businesses paid for.

Ms. Wines she thought it could be a Redevelopment project.

Ms. Blohm asked if it would tie in with Arts and Culture.

Ms. Wines said no, but it could.

Ms. Blohm thought it would have a little more meaning if it did.

Ms. Wines asked how it would tie into Arts and Culture.

Ms. Blohm said they could designate the different art galleries.

Ms. Wines added that they had a lot more to advertise than just arts and culture.

Chairman Karr asked what Ms. Wines wanted to do with this item as an action item.

Ms. Wines explained that she wanted to take it to the RDA and see if they want to pursue it.

Mr. Wilkinson explained that this was already an idea that's in the Plan. An action the RAC could consider would be to finalize and cost out a design, and then to consider a funding amount that the RDA could consider towards implementing the program.

Ms. Blohm said she was not ready to move forward with this design. She wanted more time to get more design options and more ideas.

Ms. Wines thought they needed to see if the RDA wanted to entertain this before they spent time on designs.

Jeff Dalling said he was with Lina. The problem was that this was a huge undertaking; it's not just basic signage. He didn't think it would be a good idea to put Lamoille Canyon, California Trail Center, and the Chamber of Commerce on them, because people couldn't walk there. He envisioned it as more of a business marker.

Ms. Wines didn't think the distance mattered.

Mr. Dalling said they would be walking boards. No one would see them in a car.

Ms. Wines explained that they would be to let you know you're in the downtown. There are three sides and all of them are different on each one. She explained that the top circle on the board would be within walking distance, and the others would just show the diversity of the town and the community. The middle circles are mid-range places, which are not necessarily right downtown, but are part of the community. The bottom ones are recreational, to show diversity. She didn't think it was an information board, she thought it was a suggestive type sign. If there was one on every corner, then you would be reminded that you were in the downtown area.

Ms. Blohm liked the concept, but said there were a lot of dollar signs associated with these types of projects. She said she was intent and focused on moving forward with the things they already had in the pipeline. She felt she wasn't ready to make a decision.

Chairman Karr agreed with Ms. Blohm. He thought they finally got a true vision of their priorities, and this was not in the top priorities.

Ms. Wines said it was low hanging fruit. It would be something that was highly visible right away. She thought they needed to keep the little things in mind.

***** A motion was made by Jeff Dalling, seconded by Jon Karr, not to move forward with the directional signage at this time.**

****Motion Passed. (4-1, Ms. Wines voted no)***

After the motion, but before the vote, Chris Johnson thought it was great idea and he could see the benefits. He thought it would show that much more for downtown. He said he would support

moving it to the RDA for their consideration, just to get a concept of the idea. It will probably take a year to get all the details worked out. There are a lot of things that are going downtown. It could be something that could be completed. He thought it would be good to have a uniqueness downtown.

Ms. Wines wanted to figure out how much one of them would cost.

Mr. Wilkinson said that could be done without the RDA approval.

Mr. Dalling wanted to focus on the other stuff they're doing.

Ms. Blohm agreed that it's a great concept, but she wanted to focus on what they were trying to move forward and get some of those things accomplished before they jumped into another.

Mr. Johnson didn't think it was the best motion for the project not to move in any direction. He agreed that they needed to look at the overall RDA. Maybe they weren't quite ready to make a motion today, but give them a chance to study the roles they want to have, and consider this as something they want to put in the mix.

The Council then voted on the motion.

- B. Review, consideration, and possible recommendation to the Redevelopment Agency on the upcoming budget cycle for 2018/19 regarding allocating funds, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Mr. Wilkinson explained that they are headed into a budget cycle, and in the packet, there is some budget information. What we would be looking for today is possibly some direction to the RDA for considerations in the next budget cycle. He pointed out the Beginning Fund Balance was \$837,089, Projected Property Tax Revenues were anticipated to be \$277,650, to date we are at \$156,170. If that projection holds true, and is linear, then we should do a little better than the \$277,650. Based on the approved budget we would be looking at total revenues of \$1,212,964. Looking at the expenditures of the approved budget of \$1.2 Million, understanding that \$760,000 of that was held in reserve in the Balance towards saving. As of 1/18/18, \$281,000 has been expended. The bulk of that expenditure was on the 7th Street relocation of the overhead utilities and undergrounding those. Just over \$46,000 has been expended on the Tower. The RDA projected revenues have been included in the packet, which gives you an idea of what you have to work with. Keep in mind that action has already been taken on phasing of the corridor project. The RAC might have some recommendations on what next year's budget would look like with that information. This item ties closely to Item C on the agenda, to consider funding Project #2. Mr. Wilkinson thought it might be better to consider the next item prior to any other budget considerations.

Further discussion after Item I.C. was considered.

- C. Review, consideration, and possible recommendation to the Redevelopment Agency to approve the initiation of funding Project #2 Centennial Park West Block End, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Mr. Wilkinson wanted to give some background information on the item. The RAC and the RDA approved prioritization of projects to accomplish the Corridor Project. The first project that was prioritized was the 7th Street overhead lines, which has been completed. Project No. 2 was to complete the Centennial Park west block end, which would be the 7th Street area. Initially staff recommended that that project be funded at \$250,000; the RAC recommended that the funding be reduced to \$138,000. When they arrived at the \$138,000, they looked at the projections for some of the other block ends and reduced the recommendation from \$250,000 down to \$138,000. What they didn't account for was a street closure, turf requirements for the street closure, irrigation, and things like that. With this agenda item, Staff would recommend that the RAC reconsider the prior action to recommend \$138,000 towards this back up to \$250,000. We are executing on the Corridor Project and we are executing on the priority ranking that has been approved by the RDA. We are on Project No. 2 now.

Ms. Wines asked if Mr. Wilkinson was recommending going to \$250,000 total and not \$250,000 more.

Mr. Wilkinson said \$250,000 more.

Ms. Wines asked if they had already spent \$138,000.

Mr. Wilkinson said they hadn't spent \$138,000. He explained that they did the overhead power lines, which was Project No. 1. They spent \$203,000, to date, on Project No. 1, which was to underground the overhead power lines.

Ms. Wines asked if the RDA had spent \$249,000 on the Centennial Project to date.

Mr. Wilkinson said that was correct. \$46,000 was spent on the Tower and \$203,000 to underground the overhead lines.

Ms. Wines asked if they wanted \$250,000 more.

Mr. Wilkinson said yes, to finish the end of the park.

Ms. Blohm asked what other resources were available, outside, or in addition to the RDA to complete the project. She thought it was beautification and infrastructure related, but not tied to investment potential. She thought they had already committed a lot.

Mr. Wilkinson explained the transformation of the park was included in the RDA Plan. They are executing on the approved RDA Plan and the approved prioritization of the projects to accomplish the Corridor Project, which much of that is beautification. The RAC has made these recommendations, the RDA has accepted and approved the recommendations, and now it's back

before the RAC for consideration of \$250,000 rather than \$138,000. Staff intends on continuing with the prioritization of the elements for the Corridor with the next budget cycle.

Mr. Johnson restated Ms. Blohm's question on what funding sources the RDA or the City of Elko has in order to complete projects. He said there was three: the RDA Fund, the General Fund, or private donations.

Ms. Wines asked how much had been spent total.

Mr. Wilkinson said he would have to go back and get with Jonnye to see if they had received the money or not. The Tower was \$186,000, which included \$50,000 from the General Fund, \$46,000 from the RDA, and the rest was donations.

Chairman Karr thought they not only needed to look at the money for the park, but the design as well. He thought the Tower turned out better than expected and they needed to look at how the park was designed. He thought the Tower needed to be the focal point instead of the train.

Mr. Wilkinson explained that there would be a plaza area around the tower, which had been approved by the Centennial Committee, along with connectivity for pedestrian access and reader boards.

Mr. Dalling thought they could boost the funding up to \$250,000, which was the original recommendation, and finish it with a better design. He said Mr. Karr and himself had talked about having an amphitheater there.

Chairman Karr said they didn't get the Levitt Concert Series, but the DBA was still trying to work something out with them. The Tower location was where they would like to have it. The thought of what that location could be used for was why Mr. Karr wanted look at the design again, and have the tower be the focal point, where the band would be.

Ms. Wines thought they were getting off topic.

Chairman Karr said they were discussing the money to fund the west end of the block, and he thought if they were going to spend the money they needed to decide on the design.

Ms. Blohm pointed out that she had never seen the Arts and Culture rendering of the Tower area. If the RDA is supposed to be funding it, then they should be able to see what that vision is.

Ms. Wines corrected Ms. Blohm, as it was the Centennial Committee that did the rendering of the Tower area.

Mr. Wilkinson thought it was approved by the City Council.

Ms. Wines asked Mr. Dalling if he thought they needed to go to \$250,000 or if they needed to do \$250,000 more.

Mr. Dalling said the total would be \$250,000.

Ms. Wines asked if that was what Mr. Wilkinson was asking for.

Mr. Wilkinson explained that they prioritized the list. Item No. 1 was to underground the overhead utilities, which is complete. In the RDA schedule, which the RDA approved, they showed a funding amount of \$200,000 for that, \$203,000 was spent. Project No. 2 is to complete the west end, which would be to complete the street; it has nothing to do with the underground. To finish out the west end staff recommended \$250,000, but the RAC looked at some of the other block ends and recommended \$138,000. When they did that, they didn't take into account street closures, irrigation for grass, and other aspects, so Staff believes the cost should be closer to \$250,000, rather than \$138,000. The RAC can consider the agenda item to initiate that funding, at whatever level is appropriate. Under matters related thereto, they could say they want to see a tweak of the design in relation to that.

Chairman Karr said it was hard to say yes to \$250,000 when he didn't agree to the design. The new design could cost more, or less. He didn't think they should do the flat boxcar anymore. Then you would only have the engine and the caboose, and make the focal point the tower. So it would be east west oriented, instead of north south.

Mr. Wilkinson said they could orient the landscape differently.

Chairman Karr said he wasn't opposed to \$250,000, he just doesn't know if \$250,000 was right because he would rather change the design first to see what it would cost.

Mr. Wilkinson thought that \$250,000 would probably cover everything, unless they wanted to do more than just reorient the landscaping.

Ms. Wines said they were taking about the RDA spending close to \$500,000 on this project, when it's all said and done. She wanted to know what percentage of the total project the RDA was going to pay. If this were a \$10 Million project, she would be on board, but if it were a \$600,000 project, she wouldn't be on board. It wasn't the RDA's Centennial; it was the City of Elko's. She thought they needed to go back to the City Council, and to the RDA, and see if they could kick in some money.

Mr. Wilkinson pointed out that this was part of the RDA Plan.

Ms. Wines said she understood that. She just wanted to know the percentage of total cost. If the RDA's percentage were 50%, she would be fine with it, but if RDA's percentage were 90%, she wouldn't be fine with it.

Mr. Wilkinson explained that the City created an RDA to fund these projects.

Ms. Wines said that the RDA wasn't the only thing that benefitted from this project. She hated that the City was always separated from the RDA. She also had a comment about the design. She thought the area was too close to traffic to have it be a great performance space. Outdoor

amphitheaters that are successful are a long ways away from traffic. Three other amphitheaters in town don't get used. She didn't think an amphitheater was the right call for this, because it's too urban.

Chairman Karr thought the middle train car was designed to be a stage.

Ms. Wines never thought this area would be a good performance space.

Mr. Wilkinson explained that the RDA had approved this.

Ms. Wines didn't think it would get used, because it's too noisy.

Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Karr what the DBA needed for a concert series.

Chairman Karr said the Levitt Series just wanted a grass area, for families to put down a blanket and listen to music. They didn't want it to be at the Fairgrounds or the Convention Center.

Mr. Johnson asked how many people.

Chairman Karr said that Carson City's brought in from 8,000 to 12,000 people.

Ms. Blohm asked what Carson City's arena was like.

Ms. Wines said they had a covered area, and they do ice skating under it in the winter.

Ms. Blohm said that made sense, a dual-purpose area. Her concern was that the area was not adequate for a concert series.

Ms. Wines pointed out that Carson City had a bigger population to draw from.

Mr. Wilkinson said they had a Corridor Plan that the RDA has approved, and they have broken it up into different projects.

Ms. Blohm asked what it would take to bring the concert in and see a return on the investment, as far as numbers go.

Chairman Karr wasn't sure.

Ms. Blohm thought a lot of this consideration and discussion about design might be right on. They have to have a good plan in mind for how this area could be useful.

Mr. Johnson said that went back to his question; how does the project benefit DBA and the downtown. Everything that they are doing is to keep the downtown vibrant. What can they look at that would help get that? Is there something that they can do in the next phase to bring people downtown, so it can be a gathering place?

Chairman Karr said they wanted that to be the focal point for smaller concerts, with the tower as the backdrop.

Mr. Wilkinson said that would be easy to accomplish. He asked if they would do anything down there if they didn't grass 7th Street, and extend the grass. The Plaza and the reader boards needed to be finished. It would be easy to change the alignment of the landscaping to face the tower. It would also be easy to leave out the flatbed, and less expensive long-term. If you want to build a grassy knoll for seating that's easy to do. If it's not finished and left like it is, not much of anything will happen there. It's at the point where they need to start the next budget cycle. What kind of funding are they going to commit from the RDA? As a part of that, you can say that we need to tweak the design. If we need additional funding to accomplish that, then we'll have to figure that out. We are going to try to use City resources to remove and replace the storm drain, which is dilapidated, before 7th Street is finished, put in sidewalk, irrigation, and grass. We are going to try to identify City resources that we can use to reduce costs. We'll use the Street Crew to grind up the asphalt, so we don't have to pay to have that done. If we don't start looking at funding between the RDA and the City General Fund, we will have a muddy street down there.

Ms. Blohm asked if they were looking at \$400,000 for the project.

Mr. Wilkinson explained that they needed \$250,000 to achieve this.

Mr. Dalling suggested a water feature in the center, which would draw parents and kids. They could turn it off during events.

Mr. Wilkinson suggested the RAC, on this agenda item, could consider what amount to initiate funding with, and under matters related there to, they could direct staff to revisit the orientation for events and bring back a conception at a future meeting for consideration. Mr. Wilkinson pointed out that they were doing what the RDA Plan said to do. The ins and outs of the park can be addressed as the project goes on. This is listed as Project No. 2, which should be executed next year.

***** A motion was made by Jeff Dalling, seconded by Lina Blohm, to recommend to fund Phase 2 at \$250,000 and have staff redesign the park.**

****Motion Passed. (4:1 Mr. Johnson voted no)***

After the motion and before the vote Ms. Wines stated that she wasn't sure about the \$250,000.

Mr. Dalling explained his motion further for Ms. Wines.

Ms. Blohm seconded the motion.

Mr. Dalling wanted to keep going with the momentum and finish Project No. 2.

Mr. Johnson thought it was a good motion. He suggested they add to the motion to redesign the park specific to a gathering event. He asked if they needed to be more specific for that.

Jeremy Draper, Development Management, stated that he understood the direction that the RAC was going.

Ms. Wines asked where the train was going to go.

There was further discussion regarding the cost and specifics of the train relocation.

Ms. Blohm stated that she was glad the limit was going to be \$250,000, and she was going to be firm on that, because as projects evolve they always get more complicated.

Mr. Johnson stated that he was going to vote no because he was concerned with relocating the train.

The Council then voted on the motion.

Continued discussion of Item I.B.

Mr. Wilkinson explained that they are looking at a recommendation going into the next budget cycle up to the RDA. An item was just considered that will help get to that point. This maybe an item that needs to be on a couple of meetings. The RAC just voted on a recommendation of \$250,000 for Project No. 2. He wasn't sure if the RAC had an appetite to try to execute on additional projects over the next year. The third project on the priority list is the block ends of 4th, 5th, and 6th Streets, a cost of \$415,000 was projected to accomplish that. That may be something to take a look at, in addition to the park project, on this next budget cycle.

Mr. Johnson said when he looked at where they started as an RDA, and where they want to end up; there was always a struggle between infrastructure needs and promoting to increase assessed valuation, and there are different ideas of that. What he wanted to see happen with the budget was to keep in mind where they wanted to be at the end of 20 years when they are making decisions regarding the budget. Whether or not that is a distinction that they want to allocate a percentage for infrastructure, or just the different types of things that an RDA can do. He thought they needed to keep in mind what their ultimate goal is at the end of the RDA. He was concerned that if they didn't get the infrastructure improvements that they needed to have happen for the downtown, then they would have missed a big part of the whole RDA. As they discuss forming the budget, whether they want to start allocating some money for infrastructure. He thought they needed to bring in the mix the life of the RDA and if they are supporting that for the total result.

Chairman Karr asked what infrastructure Mr. Johnson was talking about. He mentioned that the block ends, which included drainage, were considered infrastructure.

Mr. Johnson explained that between now and the end of the RDA the pavement in the corridor would have to be replaced.

Ms. Wines said if there was no such thing, as an RDA the pavement in the corridor would still have to be replaced. She thought that was maintenance.

Mr. Johnson said City Council would be faced with that challenge.

Mr. Wilkinson explained that the RDA funds would be going to the City of Elko to accomplish what Ms. Wines considered maintenance and not being diverted, and the funds would be diluted community wide rather than specific to the Redevelopment Area. He said to keep in mind that there is an RDA Plan, which is focused on a reconstruction of the entire corridor area, which is defined as The Project for the RDA. As the RDA is successful and can afford to do other things, then they can do Storefront Improvement Programs and other programs. That's the project and if they need to rebuild infrastructure that is underground to accomplish that, they need to be doing that too. They also need to be partnering with other departments in the City to get that accomplished.

Ms. Wines said her favorite part about what Mr. Wilkinson said was about partnering. There is an entire city that has infrastructure needs, so it becomes using the City's money to do the infrastructure outside of the Redevelopment Area and then using the RDA money to do the infrastructure in the Redevelopment Area. That's not the purpose of an RDA as defined by Nevada Revised Statutes. It is supposed to be an economic driver. Cities have had to upgrade infrastructure forever, whether there was an RDA or not. She wasn't sure that replacing and maintaining the infrastructure was the highest and best use for RDA funds.

Mr. Wilkinson explained that the RDA allowed the City to concentrate more dollars into a project, or an area, than they otherwise would have been able to do. A part of the RDA Plan is to have nice streets coming into the downtown area. The City has spent millions of dollars on street projects in and out of the downtown area, and NDOT has also spent millions of dollars in that area. If you look back in the Plan it talks about these street improvements going into, and out, of this area for the downtown. There has been huge expenditures already. The Utility Department spent \$1 Million on utility upgrades when Idaho Street was reconstructed, for a possibility for redevelopment buildings to have taps for fire flow.

Ms. Wines said there was a 99% chance that would have happened if there wasn't an RDA.

Mr. Wilkinson said the Utility Department wouldn't have spent a million dollars to upgrade the water infrastructures in anticipation of the RDA.

Ms. Wines said that Cities have to upgrade infrastructure.

Chairman Karr asked what differences everyone was proposing to the budget.

Mr. Johnson wanted to keep increasing the ending fund balance. If they keep increasing the ending fund balance then maybe the answer would come when the cash was in hand. It's helping to meet the goal of the life of the RDA and the objective of the RDA. From what he has seen in the RDA, and the struggles of, is just the opinions of what the role of the RDA is. When the RDA was first started they approved the pavers, and then they went through the hiring of consultants, and now were here. He thought every RDA went through that. From his knowledge of the General Fund and the finances of the City of Elko, he thought that it would be very

difficult to finance major reconstruction, or major replacement, in the corridor from the General Fund. He thought that at the end of the RDA, a new paved surface of the Corridor could be a goal of the City.

Ms. Blohm wanted to be more pragmatic and just move forward with approving the budget as written, but also within that approval to move forward on another project.

Mr. Wilkinson explained what was on the budget and said the RDA could deliberate on that. He added that the Projects for the Corridor Project should always be at the forefront.

Ms. Blohm wanted to move forward with Project No. 3.

Mr. Dalling asked if anyone had any appetite to boost the Storefront Program up to \$100,000

Ms. Blohm said she did and she wanted to start Project No. 3.

Mr. Wilkinson said they could make that recommendation to the RDA.

There was further discussion regarding the amounts of increase to the budget.

Ms. Wines was in favor of increasing the Storefront.

Mr. Dalling asked how everyone felt about the block ends moving forward sooner, rather than later.

Mr. Wilkinson said based on the current projections they were likely to end up with \$760,000 at the end of the year, and then add revenues for the following year of \$300,000. What we are able to work with is about \$1 Million. That would be something to look at. There is a body of evidence that you put your money to work early in an RDA, not later, but not to spend it all. Mr. Johnson brought up a good point. You may want to hold some back to anticipate something coming up, or for a bigger project.

*****A motion was made by Jeff Dalling, seconded by Lina Blohm, to approve the 2017/2018 budget as presented, with an additional \$50,000 to the Storefront Program, fund Project No. 2 Centennial Park West Block End to the full \$250,000, and start on Project No. 3 Block Ends for 4th, 5th, and 6th Streets.**

****Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)***

After the motion and before the vote Mr. Johnson asked how much more life was left in the RDA. (20 years) He said what he was talking about looked to be feasible. He just didn't want to lose sight of their ultimate goal.

There was further discussion regarding the life of the RDA, the goals for the RDA, and the outcomes.

Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Dalling to restate his motion.

Mr. Dalling restated his motion.

The Council then voted on the motion.

II. REPORTS

A. Storefront Improvement Program

Mr. Wilkinson reminded everyone that the Storefront Grant Application was available online, or at the Planning Office, and the deadline for applications was March 30th. Ms. Laughlin had already received several calls regarding the applications.

B. Budget – Cathy Laughlin

C. Other

Mr. Wilkinson reported that there had been some comments on a recognition program. Ms. Laughlin was looking into that and would bring it back as an agenda item. The Downtown Idea Exchange for January featured an article on the alley improvement project. Mr. Wilkinson had Ms. Laughlin reach out to all the RDA reps across the state and get their opinion base on their experience on whether you should try to spend money early or later. The conclusion was to invest the dollars early. There was RDA, somewhere in the south, that saved all their money until they got to the end and their City came in, dissolved their RDA, and took the money away and they got nothing out of it. Most of the reps said to save for the big projects and invest money into the community as soon as you can.

Ms. Blohm said what she wanted to share came from Abbey Wheeler, who chairs the County's GET My Ride program. She stated that she had grant monies and would like a location downtown to stop and pick up passengers. Ms. Blohm stated that she had invited her many times to attend the meetings. Ms. Blohm was hoping it could be placed on a near future agenda, because they are in their budget cycle where they can put in requests to assist. She thought this was part of the partnership program, which they weren't looking into and taking advantage of enough.

Mr. Wilkinson thought Ms. Blohm needed to reach out to Ms. Wheeler and make sure she would be available.

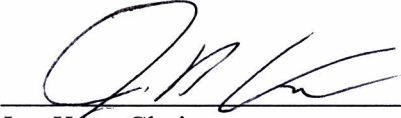
Ms. Wines reported that the Architectural Record wrote an article about Amazon looking for their second headquarters. There were twenty cities and every one of them had a very lively, urban, downtown area with mixed use.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

There were no public comments made at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Jon Karr, Chairman

Lina Blohm, Secretary