

SPIRIT LAKE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, January 08, 2024, 6:30 PM

6042 W. Maine, Spirit Lake ID 83869

Spirit Lake City Hall

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at **6:35 pm** by Chairperson Becky DeMers.

Roll Call:

Present: Commissioner Melissa Hallas, Commissioner Bill Parsons, Commissioner Gary Ventress and Chair/Commissioner Becky DeMers.

Absent: Vice-Chair/Commissioner Craig Richards.

2. Ceremonies, Appointments and Announcements – NONE

Discussion followed about any new names for possible new Commissioners. Vicki Coombs, Office Assistant, stated that we have two positions open; Vice-Parsons, Vice-Ventress. Commissioner Parsons did give us his resignation several months ago, but has been gracious enough to stay on until we can find a new Commissioner. Commissioner Ventress confirmed that he could stay on longer as his new home is taking longer than expected to complete. He stated he could stay on until February – April, 2024. Chair Becky DeMers did stop by to see business owners of the Flower Shop and Clothing Store and talked to them about possible joining our Commission. Don't think they are really interested in serving. Deputy Clerk Dawn Eaton did put ad on facebook last week that City was looking for volunteers to serve but so far no responses. Becky did mention that possibly Brad Sondahl would like to serve on Commission. Commissioner Hallas asked if Chair Becky DeMers did attend the Chamber of Commerce meeting. Becky said yes. Brad Sondahl responded that morning, that he would serve if we could not find anyone else. Becky did talk briefly with a Mark ? that was interested.

3. Conflict Disclosure - NONE

4. Consent Calendar –

ACTION ITEMS

Went through Action Items, one by one.

Minutes of the regular meeting held on December 04, 2023. No Additions or Comments.

Payables for the month of December 2023 totaled \$887.03 One Invoice from City of Spirit Lake for November Wages for \$787.03; and one Invoice from Bredeson Law Group for \$100.00 for legal review of December Meeting Agenda, Meeting Packet and Correspondence.

Financial Report & Bank Reconciliation ending December 29, 2023.

Commissioner Melissa Hallas made a motion to accept the Consent Calendar items as presented and pay invoices. Commissioner Gary Ventress seconded the motion. All in favor vote: AYE by all four Commissioners present. **Motion Passed, Approved.**

5. Citizens Comments -

Chris Foussoux and DJ Welch spoke about the possibility of a skate park for the youth (and adults) of our community. Possibility of utilizing the northwest corner of City Park. Needs for community skate park, basketball court/park, pickle ball court, etc. Going to work on plan and costs to come back to SLURA for possible financial help. Chris stated that Troy MT has a skate park and that they received a Land & Conservation Fund grant to help with their park. Chris stated if Troy MT can do this so can Spirit Lake.

Chair Becky DeMers stated this UR Plan ends December 31, 2025 so any plans SLURA wants to commit to must be completed by that date. We encourage people to come forward, not to delay. Hopeful to have a new URD Plan approved, but need to remember that is a delay in funds coming in at the beginning of a new Plan.

Althea Sondahl, Chair of the Spirit Lake Historical Preservation Commission again thanked SLURA for their support. She submitted typed notes and read them verbatim in regards to SLURA and the Historical Preservation Commission and the monetary help received for the Woolen Brown Building over the past years. Handout also included a list of what they want to do.

It was also stated by Chair Becky DeMers that she and Althea talked with the State Historical Preservation Commission and they may be able to help financially with plan.

Also stated that the new City Comprehensive Plan 2024 is about to be completed with public comments next on the agenda. And that the Historical Preservation is a part of the plan.

Mitzi Machard, Parks & Recreation Director spoke about her wish list for Parks & Recreation. Would like to see a skate park go in for our community youth. Recreation Center on east side of Hwy 41. City does have land for a recreation center. Need a plan

and financial support. Right now competitive teams using gym space and time limits practice time for P&R teams to practice. Teams are only getting one practice time per week. A new recreation center would ease that restraint and help grow the P&R program. Also, Mitzi talked about a "Reader Board" on Hwy 41 to let citizens know what P&R events are going on. Like Rathdrum, possibility to share with PD? Pickleball Court, volunteer working on at City Park. Painted lines, portable net. Close to Senior Center and Senior Housing. She also talked about some land near high school? Mitzi would like to put committee together to pursue list of community needs for youth and also survey kids to see what they would like in their town.

6. Unfinished Business

At the December meeting Commissioner voted to commit \$1,000.00 to the Spirit Lake Historical Preservation Commission for some security system (video/alarm) that would be set up in the Woolen Brown Building. But the Commissioners did not vote on a end date for the Commitment. After discussion, Commissioner Gary Ventress made motion, Commissioner Bill Parsons seconded the motion to set an end date of **March 11, 2024** for the completion of the security system for the Woolen Brown Building. All in favor, Aye by all four Commissioners present. **Motion passed, APPROVED.**

Jill Shacklett of City Planning & Zoning Commission spoke about work done on new Comprehensive Plan and now group will be going out to public for comments.

7. New Business -

Review of SLURA By Laws - Upon review by Commissioners present, a vote of AYE by all four Commissioners present, By Laws stand and accepted, **APPROVED.**

Election of Officers – After a short discussion it was decided by all four Commissioners present that the Officers stay the same for this 2024 year. All in Favor; AYE by all four Commissioners present. **APPROVED.**

2024 Meeting Schedule - After discussion it was voted upon to accept the meeting schedule changing the dates of the October meeting to October 07 because of the Columbus Day Holiday falling on the second Monday and the November meeting to November 04 because of the Veterans Day Holiday falling on the second Monday and leaving the December meeting on the second Monday as scheduled, December 09. All in Favor; AYE by all four Commissioners present. **APPROVED.**

Chair Becky DeMers reviewed correspondence from the Redevelopment Association of Idaho and the Capital City Development Corporation (CCDC) might be helpful in joining for information and assistance. Some discussion followed. No action taken at this time.

8. Public Hearing – None

9. Staff Report and Updates –

Next meeting date: **Monday, February 12, 2023.**

10. Commissioner Comments –

11. Chairperson Comments -

Chair Becky DeMers asked if Vicki Coombs, Office Assistant, would check with Connie Krueger about coming to our February meeting. Vicki will send email.

12. Executive Session - NONE

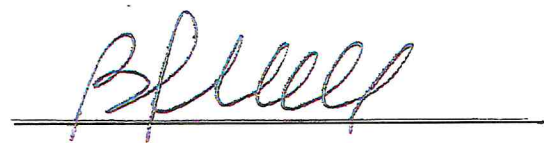
13. Adjournment

There being no more business to discuss, Meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm.

Submitted by:

Vicki Coombs, Office Assistant

Approved, February 12, 2024

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Becky DeMers', is written over a horizontal line.

**Becky DeMers,
Chair / Commissioner**