

JURA Minutes
May 28, 2014

MINUTES

Jamestown Urban Renewal Agency
Reorganization Meeting

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AGENCY MEMBERS

Present: Mayor Samuel Teresi, Greg Rabb, Martha Zenns, Jim Olson

Absent: Michael A. Munella

AGENCY STAFF

Vince DeJoy, Mark Marchincin

MEDIA

Dennis Phillips, Post Journal

Mayor Samuel Teresi called the annual meeting of the Jamestown Urban Renewal Agency to order at 4:05 p.m. and asked the secretary to note Agency members, staff and media present.

Consideration for approval of the minutes for the February 12, 2014 meeting was sponsored by Jim Olson, seconded by Martha Zenns.

No discussion.

4 AYES

0 NAYS

Carried.

Consideration for approval of the Financial Reports dated February 2014 – April 2014 was sponsored by Jim Olson, seconded by Greg Rabb.

Martha Zenns noted that only 59.52% of the Target Area Housing Rehab was spent. Mayor Teresi suggested that the remaining money be used for housing rehab projects. Vince DeJoy noted that the 2004 Block Grant Program monies allocated for the McKinley-Colfax and the Bush-Bowen target areas, program activities have been redirected and appropriated to the Target Area Neighborhood Infrastructure line.

4 AYES

0 NAYS

Carried.

Vince DeJoy led the discussion regarding the resolution to ratify the phone poll from March 17, 2014 for the purchase of equipment for improvements to the Skateboard Park in Chadakoin Park. The equipment has been received and is in the process of being installed.

A motion to ratify the phone poll from March 17, 2014 for the purchase of equipment for improvements to the Skateboard Park in Chadakoin Park in the amount of \$26,130.19 from the American Ramp Company was made by Martha Zenns and seconded by Greg Rabb.

Mayor Teresi noted that balance is being paid out of the Chadakoin Park Infrastructure line. The reason why the Urban Renewal Agency is handling this instead of the city council is because JURA has been delegated the responsibility of administering the Community Development Block Grant Program. Any contracts or purchases involving CDBG monies are run through JURA as opposed to the city council. JURA is the approving body and administrator of those funds for the city.

4 AYES

0 NAYS

Carried.

Vince DeJoy provided information regarding the resolution to purchase playground equipment for McCrea Point Park and the Scenic Vista Park on Steele Street. These parks are being rehabilitated through the Phase VI of the Greater Jamestown Riverwalk Trail. The McCrea Point Park is going to be an extensive new playground area. The source of funding for both parks is through ADA improvements/CDBG. The total cost of the McCrea Point Park is \$65,714.61 and The Scenic Vista Park on Steele Street will cost \$17,220.92. The Scenic Vista Park is a parcel underneath the 3rd Street bridge. The city currently owns the property and there are plans to clear the over growth and place a small playground in that area. The McCrea Point Park playground will feature a Jamestown riverboat play area. Both playgrounds are handicap accessible and staff is very proud and excited to be a part of this project.

Mayor Teresi noted that these two projects are the first to be constructed of the Phase VI Riverwalk Trail. Additional components will go to construction this summer as soon as the city receives the final sign off on the associated state funding and the necessary DEC permits are final.

Jim Olson sponsored a motion, seconded by Greg Rabb to enter into a contract with Landscape Structures in the amount of \$65,714.61 for the McCrea Point Boat landing

Executive Session

Vince DeJoy: I wanted to give an update as we adopted a JURA budget there was a built in \$90,000 deficit that we termed as miscellaneous funding sources. Nevertheless, something we have been wrestling with is that there really is no way for us to cut anymore paperclips and photo copies; we have already cut out a car. The only way that we can remain sustainable and not have such a large hole in the budget is the probably lay off a member of the staff.

Mayor Teresi: You will recall, our approach was to hold a staff meeting and put out a general appeal to ask for inclination of who might be thinking of going out. Two people did step forward. Greg Moran put forth his twelve month notice, under the collective bargaining agreement. This will provide him with the \$2,600 payment that is included in the contract for those who give twelve months' notice prior to retirement. The second individual to step forward was Bob Kenyon. He will be departing on July 12, 2014. Although this does provide some relief, this position will need to be backfilled. Vince DeJoy and Mark Marchincin are able to fill in for a while; however, it is considered unit work under the collective bargaining agreement.