

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 1995**

Present: Glen Dennis, Jean Sewell, Chris Launer, Mark Hermundstad, Bruce Hill, R.T. Mantlo, Karen Hayashi, Kathleen Killian, Pat Gormley, Craig Roberts; Ciavonne & Associates, DDA Director Barbara Creasman. Also present: Sid Squirrel; Bray & Company, David Hunsicker, Jody Kole; Housing Authority

Absent: Bill Petty

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Chair Jean Sewell.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of June 2 and July 7 were approved on a motion by Gormley, second by Launer.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Barbara reported that the Finance Committee, Launer and Hayashi, has met to discuss our current financial status and the upcoming budget process. Chris reported that the committee will meet with Randy Booth, City Controller, to discuss options for the monthly financial report.

**SKATEBOARD ORDINANCE**

Darold Sloan was not able to attend, so Bob Knight attended. Bob reviewed some of the issues about skateboarding - chipping planters, dinging art, running past and even into pedestrians. There are no skateboarding signs on Main Street sidewalks but the ordinance has lapsed, so a new one needs to be adopted. The proposed ordinance will also cover bicycles and in-line skates. It is a state law that bicycles are not to be on the sidewalk, they are vehicles. In-line skates and skateboards are not supposed to be on the streets.

Barbara reported on the discussion with the Downtown Association Board that Darold Sloan attended. The Association members expressed concern that other pedestrians are sometimes intimidated or annoyed by skateboarders but are sympathetic to the kids who don't have a place to go. There are some local groups advocating for a skate park or facility in existing or developing parks. The Association decided to write a letter to the Parks Department in support of a skate park facility. The Association does not see a problem with in-line skaters on the sidewalk and does not want to restrict them. Bob Knight indicated that the City Attorney said it had to be the same for both skateboards and in-line skates.

Glen Dennis expressed some sympathy for the kids. For awhile, he had a regular group

behind his store. He talked to the kids and was able to work things out. He suggested the DDA also support a skate park or facility where the kids can do their tricks. The board agree.

Craig Roberts suggested that there are design alternatives to deal with some of these conflicts. In-line skaters will go downtown and on the Riverfront trails as an outing.

Barbara related the problems the Winery has been having with skateboarders. A group of 8-10 have been congregating in the evenings, in the alley. The Winery has had reservations canceled because people did not want to get out of their cars. This is not acceptable. The police have been notified and are paying attention to the situation.

Barbara will get the board a copy of the proposed ordinance and we will have a follow-up discussion.

### **COLEY/FORREST PHASE I REPORT RATIFICATION**

Ratification to move forward with Phase II was approved on a motion by Mark Hermundstad and second by Pat Gormley.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Barbara reported that Kathleen Killian has drafted the agreement between the DDA and Avalon stating that the Avalon is responsible for funding of the Avalon construction and providing funds needed to the DDA for implementation.

The board agreed that Barbara should sign this agreement, upon review by Mark Hermundstad and Pat Gormley.

### **3RD & MAIN MINI-PARK**

Craig Roberts, Ciavonne and Associates, presented cost estimates for the construction. The base budget is \$27,000. This is the amount that is budgeted. However, in order to meet this budget, certain planter walls were eliminated. Optional add ons would cost another \$27,000 and would be inclusive of full planters, historic lighting, and serpentine walls along Main and 3rd Street sidewalks.

Craig indicated that there could be some savings if the Parks Department could do the planting. If we could bid the landscape as a package, with the base project and the additions as alternates, we might be able to get a better price. In order to spend more than the \$27,000 budgeted for this lot, we would need to make a request to Council. R.T. thought this would be a reasonable request and, if we have a bid with alternates, Council could decide what they are willing to do.

The board would like to proceed to accomplish the entire project. Pat made a motion to support the full project, second by Chris. Approved. Barbara will meet with Mark Relph and Joe Stevens to review our alternatives.

## **SCHROEDER PROPERTY PRESENTATION**

Dave Hunsicker and Sid Squirrel attended, to present Rick Shroeder's proposal for his property in to 500 block of Main. Dave passed out a copy of the floor plan to all board members.

Shroeder plans to build four living units with garages/carports in back, off the alley. The units range from 860 to 1,100 gross square feet. This is not being developed as affordable housing, but expected to lease at market rates.

There was discussion on the facade renovation. Dave presented two alternatives. Barbara had some historic photos of the buildings. The property Rick owns was two separate buildings. He has indicated he would buy the adjacent properties on both sides, but they are not for sale. The board encouraged Dave to consider the better or most historic renovation. With two different buildings, a true historic renovation may be difficult. He indicated that he and Sid would like to meet with Barbara to discuss possible financing alternatives that could be an incentive to a better facade restoration.