MINUTES
KEIZER URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
Monday, July 11, 2011
Keizer Civic Center
Keizer, Oregon

CALL TO ORDER

Agent Christopher called the session to order at 9:43 p.m. Roll Call was taken as follows:

Present:	**Staff:**
Lore Christopher, Chair	Chris Eppley, City Manager
Brandon Smith	Shannon Johnson, City Attorney
David McKane	Rob Kissler, Public Works Director
Joe Egli	Nate Brown, Community Development Director
Cathy Clark	Kevin Watson, Assistant to the City Manager
Jim Taylor	Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder
Mark Caillier	
Hugo Nicolas	

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Rich Duncan, Keizer, Keizer Chamber President, *Rick Day, Marion County*; *James Hague, Keizer*, Chair of Economic Development and Government Affairs; *Erik Peterson, Keizer*, and *Bob Bunn, Salem*, all spoke in support of the plan amendment to fund a Visitor Center focusing on the importance of tourism to economic growth, explaining the "funnel concept" which would bring visitors off I-5 and direct them from the visitor center to the River Road area, encouraging long term investment in Keizer, and supporting both the shared arrangement with the Transit District and the facility at Keizer Station.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

a. Urban Renewal Funding for Visitor Information Services

Community Development Director Nate Brown noted that the bullet points in his staff report were developed with the Finance Director and there are several options open for funding visitor services facilities including remodeling tenant space at Keizer Station and participating with the Transit District in a joint facility but they are not included in the current plan. A minor amendment would be required to add possible projects to the program and use program funds and if Council wishes, staff may be able to have the plan amendment ready by the August 1 Council meeting.

Facilities

Agent Christopher moved that the Keizer Urban Renewal Agency direct staff to create a minor plan amendment process authorizing the use of program income funds to construct a visitor and information services facility in Keizer Station. Agent Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES: Christopher, Egli, Smith, McKane, Caillier, Taylor and Clark (7)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
ABSENT: None (0)

Councilor McKane suggested that a work session be held to discuss this in depth.

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approval of June 6, 2011 Urban Renewal Agency Minutes

Agent Clark moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Agent Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES: Christopher, Egli, Smith, McKane, Caillier, Taylor and Clark (7)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
ABSENT: None (0)

OTHER BUSINESS None

ADJOURNMENT With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

APPROVED:

Lore Christopher, Chair

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

AGENCY MEMBERS

David McKane

Mark Caillier

Jim Taylor

Cathy Clark

Brandon Smith

Joe Egli

Minutes approved: August 1, 2011