KEIZER URBAN RENEWAL BOARD
MINUTES
Wednesday, May 26, 1999
5:30 p.m.
Keizer City Hall ~ Library

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wood at 5:35 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

The following members were present at roll call: Tom Wood, Manny Martinez, Greg Frank and Bob Ohm

ARRIVING AFTER ROLL CALL:

Rick Curry (arrived at 5:40 p.m.), Rick Roemer (arrived at 5:45 p.m.), Don Jensen (arrived at 5:47 p.m.), Stan Compton (arrived at 5:50 p.m.) and Gary Steiner (arrived at 7:05 p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Senior Planner ~ Amy Drought, Staff Liaison ~ Jim Keller, Councilor ~ Jacque Moir, Consultant ~ John Morgan and Recording Secretary ~ Cindy Perry

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 21, 1999.**

Mr. Ohrn moved that the minutes of April 21, 1999 be approved as written. Mr. Frank seconded the motion and carried, all present voting aye.

4. **APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS**

(this was taken out of order and done towards the end of the meeting)

Bill Sandhu, 5513 Verda Lane, Keizer- Mr. Sandhu expressed his concerns with the discussions of the possibility of the widening of Verda Lane as depicted in the Keizertimes. He submitted a letter for the Board's review and requested that the City look at other alternatives.

Ms. Drought explained to the audience that KURB deals with urban renewal issues and during a joint meeting with the Planning Commission the discussion with the "idea" of widening Verda was brought up. She explained that this was only conversation and there had been no further action regarding this idea. Ms. Drought shared that they are working on a draft of the Transportation System Plan and invited residents along Verda Lane to attend the Planning Commission Meetings.

Gary Morton, 4408 Verda Lane, Keizer- Stressed that he wanted to know what was going on with Verda Lane at all times and discussed that traffic situation on Verda.

Mr. Martinez urged Mr. Morton to attend the Planning Commission Meetings.

Lisa Skelton, 5563 Verda Lane, Keizer- Expressed her concerns with the amount of traffic currently on Verda Lane and how any changes would impact the neighborhood and livability of the area.

Mr. Compton reiterated Ms. Drought's comments and reassured the audience that this issue would be studied at great length before anything was done. She urged the audience to continue to provide their input to the council, staff and the various city boards and commissions.

Cheryl Snider, 4413 Verda Lane, Keizer-Expressed her concerns with the amount of traffic and speeding cars on Verda. Explained that they purchased their home with the idea of retiring there and are very concerned that any changes of the street would make the area less desirable.

John Walter, 5393 Verda Lane, Keizer-Felt that a greater review should take place before any building permits are issued for construction of homes. Stressed livability needs to be revisited before making any changes.

Chair Wood thanked the public for attending and explained that the Keizer Urban Renewal Board is working in conjunction with other boards and commissions at the city. He reassured the audience that their concerns were being heard and urged them to continue to attend meetings.

Mr. Steiner indicated he felt the safety issues on Verda would have to be addressed before the new schools were built.

Mr. Jensen felt it would be helpful if the public had some ideas of alternate routes to decrease the traffic in that area.

5. DISCUSSION

➢ **Bylaws**

Ms. Drought supplied handouts of Resolution R93-691 of operating procedures for the Parks Board and Ordinance 83-006 pertaining to the Planning Commission and it's organization, powers and duties.

After discussion Chair Wood suggested that the Board take the Parks Board Resolution home to review and bring this discussion back next month.

- **Chemawa Activity Center**

Council Liaison ~ Jim Keller indicated that once the budget was passed he would like the Board to think about members of the community that could provide the board with depth and recommendations regarding the Chemawa Activity Center. Councilor Keller suggested individuals from the chamber, representatives from the various neighborhood organizations and realtors.

Mr. Roemer arrived at 5:45 p.m.

Mr. Frank expressed concern with the size of the group growing too large and not being effective.

Mr. Jensen arrived at 5:47 p.m.

Mr. Compton arrived at 5:50 p.m.

- **Draft Keizer 21st Century Renewal Strategy Plan**

Mr. Morgan reviewed handouts, with the additions requested from the Board, of the Action Plan for the Keizer 21st Century Renewal Strategy Plan and Capital Improvements Program. He answered questions regarding the Urban Renewal District it's funding process, possible-closing dates of the district, it's impact on the city budget and the taxpayer.

Mr. Morgan explained that because of a cap placed by Measure 50 and how the plan is written now there would not be funds available to fund the Chemawa Activity Center without approval from the voters.

Responding to questions Ms. Drought indicated that they did not make their presentation of the Keizer 21st Century Renewal Strategy Draft to the Government of Affairs Committee due to changes on their committee, but would be making this presentation to them next month.

There was an extensive discussion regarding how the current plan could be reallocated to fund the Chemawa Activity Center.

Chair Wood recommended that an informational meeting take place between council, staff, the Planning Commission and the Urban Renewal Board to be sure that the best interests of the community are taken into account.

Mr. Jensen made the motion to direct Mr. Morgan to bring back 3-4 alternatives to the Capital Improvement Program to review at the joint meeting of staff, council, Planning Commission and the Urban Renewal Board. Chair Wood seconded the motion and carried, all present voting aye.

Mr. Frank left at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Jensen left at 7:04 p.m.

Mr. Steiner arrived at 7:05 p.m.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AGENDA INPUT (taken out of order)

Chair Wood asked Councilor Keller if a written reply to Mr. Sandhu's letter would be appropriate. Councilor Keller indicated he could direct City Manager Mull to respond to the letter.

Mr. Morgan indicated he would speak with Ms. Drought to identify a date to schedule the joint meeting and all interested parties would be notified of that date.

7. NEXT REGULAR MEETING ~ June 23, 1999 at 5:30 p.m.

8. ADJOURN

Chair Wood adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.