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PAYETTE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING April 25, 2022

REGULAR MEETING- 6:30PM

A regular meeting of the Payette Downtown Revitalization Committee was called to order at 6:30 pm, by the Mayor Craig L. Jensen and City Council Member/ Committee Chair Ray Wickersham at Keystone Pizza 17 S Main Street Payette, Idaho.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Craig L. Jensen, Ray Wickersham, Bobbie Black, Jim Franklin, Gretchen Couch, Kathy Patrick, Tracy Johnson, Matea Gabiola, Mike Dart arrived at 6:40 pm,

Members Absent: Barbara Choate

Citizens Present: Mindy Rudkin, Barb Wilson, Suzi Bruce, & Kathy Dodson

AGENDA ITEMS

- APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

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- a. A motion was made by Kathy Patrick and seconded by Tracy Johnson to approve the Meeting Minutes from March 28, 2022 as written.

After unanimous vote, by the committee the motion was CARRIED.

- DISCUSSION OF CONCEPT PLAN

- a. Committee Chair Ray Wickersham handed out to the committee members the Draft / Example of the "CONCEPT PLAN", which was drafted by HECO engineers. Committee chair Ray Wickersham stated that this is by no means a final, but rather a general idea to show the committee members as well as the general public at the Town Hall meeting that this the vision that this committee to seeking to execute. All Committee members discussed their ideas to possibly add more appealing features to the revitalization. Committee Chair Ray Wickersham stated he doesn't want to get deep into the engineering aspect of the project, to confuse the general public, we want to convey cosmetic landscaping changes to the downtown. Committee Member Jim Franklin asked about the downtown bike paths. Committee Chair Ray Wickersham said well that this point the bike paths will be the sidewalks. Committee member Bobbie Black said, we might need to bring this to the City Council to change the City code in regards to the bike paths, where it currently states that they are not to be used for that purpose. Committee member Tracy Johnson brought up that this project shows a lot of greenery and

pants, will the public be concerned over the maintenance? Committee Chair Ray Wickersham stated with the proper plants there is little maintenance.

Citizen commented – Mindy Rudkin, Mindy stated a few years ago there was talk of storefront revitalizations grants. Is that still the case?

Committee Member Bobbie Black stated, the City had done that. It was called the façade grant. There were a lot of businesses who took advantage of that. Committee Chair Ray Wickersham, stated that across the street, the other Masingill building was redone/ repainted, Darts True Value, added graphics all on his windows.

Committee Chair Ray Wickersham stated that he, as well as Mayor Craig Jensen's intention behind this is that the storefront, building owners will not have to pay for anything during this project. Our intention is to make this more walkable, and the owners' will want to update their buildings to match. Committee Chair Ray Wickersham, stated one of his selling points on this concept plan is that Idaho, has a big chunk of money to put into infrastructure. Most of the infrastructure funds will go into roads and bridges, but there is no income that will come back from that. If it's re-directed to this type of project there will be some sort of positive revenue that could come from it. If this happened to our downtown, it will pay for itself. Committee Chair Ray Wickersham stated he ball parks this job to be anywhere around an 8-10 Million dollar job. Committee member Bobbie Black stated, that is it, where will the money come from that will be everyone's question. Mayor Craig Jensen said we will look for every grant that we can find to help, fund this project.

Committee Member Jim Franklin stated he attended a Main street economic Vitality Hub meeting and they have a tool where you identify the stakeholders in the project. He thinks the design we have is great, and we have the right idea. He thinks what we are missing is this part, on the stake holders and what type of business we want to attract. This was along the same line of what the committee was trying in the Urban Renewal. Committee Member Jim Franklin read what an Urban renewal District is by definition for the state of Idaho Title 50 municipal corporations Chapter 29 local economic development act, and Payette fits that description.

Committee Chair Ray Wickersham stated that one of the other reasons to fix the downtown is a safety issue crossing the street is not safe. That is one pool of money we can look into. Another pool of money we can dive into is the storm water drain repair/ revamp. When we go from 7,000 to 8,000 people we are no longer allowed to dump storm water in the river. There is money from those types' grants to draw from as well. Mayor Craig Jensen said one grant that we will be applying for is the Block Grant, for a way to get things started. Committee

Chair Ray Wickersham said there are many pools/ grants to pull from. Committee Chair Ray Wickersham hopefully the funding from the Block Grant can go to the engineering. Committee member asked if there is a match for the Block Grant. Mayor Jensen said we can do In-Kind Funds.

Committee Chair Ray Wickersham asked is this what we as the Committee want to bring to the next town hall meeting with the public. All committee members agreed and liked the idea.

- **NEXT MEETING**

- a. Committee Members agreed the next meeting will be the Town Hall Meeting May, 23, 2022 at 7:00 pm, at City Council Chambers.

- **ADJOURN**

Mike Dart made a motion to adjourn Bobbie Black seconded. Meeting adjourned.

After unanimous vote, by the committee the motion was CARRIED.

Meeting Minutes drafted by, Committee member Matea Gabiola May 10, 2022.