AUBURN URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES
January 24, 2011
REGULAR SESSION

The Regular Session of the Auburn Urban Development Authority was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Monday, January 24, 2011 at 6:35 p.m. with Chair William W. Kirby, M.D. presiding and Secretary Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL:

Authority Members Present: Bridget Powers, Kevin Hanley, J. M. Holmes, Keith Nesbitt, Bill Kirby

Authority Members Absent: none

Staff Members Present: Executive Director Robert Richardson, Authority Counsel Michael Colantuono, Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi, Public Works Director Bernie Schroeder, Transit Analyst Megan Siren, Administrative Services Director Andy Heath, Public Works Engineer Carie Huff, Police Chief Valerie Harris and Police Captain John Ruffcorn.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Minutes**

By **MOTION** approve Auburn Urban Development Agency Minutes of 11/22/2010.

2. **Elder's Station Security Camera – Funding Request**

By **RESOLUTION 11-01**, authorize $3,659.00 in funding for the Elder's Station Security Camera Project.

********** End of Consent Calendar **********

BY **MOTION**, approve the consent calendar
MOTION: Hanley/ Powers/ Approved 5:0

3. **Public Comment**

Authority Member Powers said the Masons would like to connect with the SHAAC committee to help with one of the statues to be installed in Central Square.

AUTHORITY BUSINESS

4. **Development of Priority Work Plan**

Executive Director Robert Richardson presented this item. He explained the new Governor's State Budget and how it will impact redevelopment funds (power point presentation available in the City Clerk's office). He said tonight is not a night of specificity, it is to get a general idea of what types of projects the Authority would like to see move forward to safeguard these funds for local investment.

Authority Member Nesbitt asked about seeking bids on a time and materials basis to shortening the bidding process.

Authority Counsel said this is not generally permitted for public works construction. He said the public contracting laws require a design, bid, build processes that lead to a dollar-certain amount.

Authority Member Nesbitt said these are numerous businesses throughout town that have been hit with ADA lawsuits that are doing reconstruction that may want to incorporate remodeling buildings. He said items of importance to him are parking, sidewalks, street trees, and facades. He said specifically there is a project in Old Town to remodel the lot next to Tio Pepe's that he would like to be considered.

Authority Member Nesbitt excused himself from the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Authority Member Powers said she supports moving forward with phase 2 of Streetscape. She asked about the Old Town Firehouse project that is currently out to bid. She asked about the façade program and how quickly it could be implemented. She said she is concerned with the Brewery Lane project not able to move quickly enough. She said her top priorities are Streetscape Phase 2, Old City Hall, and the Old Fire Station renovation.

Authority Member Holmes spoke about the State Controller audit to take place. He said his priority would be Streetscape Phase 2. He said he supports both the Old Town Fire Station Renovation and the Old City Hall improvements. He said the Old City Hall improvements have a long term benefit to the City because it will get the California Welcome Center /

Placer County Visitors Bureau into the building and downtown. He said the Brewery Lane parking lot project could be put on hold.

Chair Kirby said he agrees with prioritizing projects, but is conflicted with municipalities moving forward quickly on projects just to "soak up the money" when it could potentially help the State budget crisis. He said as much as he would like to see the money spent locally, and these projects completed, if the State doesn't improve its situation, it could cause far more problems for everyone.

Virgil Traynor, resident of Auburn, spoke about improvements to the Maple Street entry sign. He said it could be a LED sign with short-term financing by the City and in the long term it could possibly pay for itself. He explained operating costs and potential income.

Authority Member Holmes clarified with Mr. Traynor about the responsibility of the sign remaining with the Chamber.

Authority Member Hanley asked what would be advertised on the sign.

Mr. Traynor said he has found it challenging to get events advertised on the sign in its current design due to unavailability.

Chair Kirby asked staff to look into this idea and said it should not be limited to events only; it could be commercial advertising as well. He also said if this were to move forward he would like to see the control be with the City only, not the Chamber of Commerce.

Bart Rudd, resident of Auburn, said he would like the Authority to work with the City on the pros and cons of this idea. He said it would be an asset to the community. He spoke of the difference between static displays and active signs.

Richard Sanborn, resident of Auburn, spoke in opposition of the Brewery Lane Parking Lot project, and spoke in favor of the Old Town Fire Station and the Fire Station No. 1 in Downtown. He spoke in opposition of the Streetscape work saying it looks "cheap." He said projects like Streetscape take away from the real history of Auburn. He spoke of sewer line problems under Lincoln Way.

Authority Member Hanley said redevelopment can have great benefit to the community. He said he has the impression there is a 90%-100% chance the State will take as many redevelopment dollars as possible. He said he thinks this will happen in the next 6 weeks because that is their budget deadline. He said this is an "emergency for the City of Auburn." He said Auburn should put as many projects that use all the

redevelopment funds under contract and make it as difficult as possible for the State to take them. He said Prop. 22 does not protect local government on this point as some argue. He said he puts high priority on Streetscape lighting and signage, sidewalk repairs, redevelopment Implementation Plan to allow for street repair, Old City Hall improvements, Old Town Fire Station. He said he puts less priority on the Brewery Lane project. He said he would like to explore the Maple Street entry sign idea, but said it should be a lower priority due to time constraints. He also said these contracts should have an "escape clause" in case the State does not act to take the funds.

Authority Member Powers said to have this money taken away and not spent locally would be a shame. She said she supports getting into contract as much as possible with these funds.

Chair Kirby said he views Streetscape Phase 1 as a success. He said Auburn is improving the community with the way the redevelopment funds have been spent. He said he agrees with his fellow Authority members' priorities. He said he supports moving forward on these contracts.

Executive Director Robert Richardson clarified that redevelopment funds can not be legally used for additional street work because it is classified as maintenance, unless you have to truly dig out and rebuild the street section. He said to be able to do the street work that is allowed, you have to go though the legal process of updating the Implementation Plan. He said this could be completed and presented to the Authority the last meeting in February. He summarized the decisions at this meeting as follows: Phase 2 of Streetscape will move forward and he will move forward on all the additional items talked about with the exception of Brewery Lane.

Consensus of the Authority was for staff to look into the idea of the Maple Street LED sign as well.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kirby adjourned this meeting, without objection, at 7:26 p.m.

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William W. Kirby, M.D., Chair

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Joseph G. R. Labrie, Secretary