

**South Billings Urban Renewal Association
Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 1, 2021
7:00pm
Conducted Via Zoom Conferencing**

Call to Order: Dick Zier, SBURA Board Chair

Courtesies: Welcome Visitors

Dick Zier, Andrew Houlihan, Jeff Muri, Scott Hanser, Mike Mayott, Carolyn Ragstad, Jim Tevlin, Kevin Nelson, Denise Joy, Tyler Westrop, Danny Choriki, Charlie Loveridge, Leif Wellhaven

Agenda Additions/Deletions – Dick Zier

Agenda Items:

1. **Approval of Minutes for May 4, 2021 meeting – Dick** (Action)
Scott Hanser moved, Jeff Muri seconded – **Approved**

2. **Hallowell Lane – Jim** (Information)
Tyler Westrope, Public Works

Started today in earnest. Water main starts this week. Project progress south to north. It is a 120 day project. The project is 3 zone. Traffic is to continue as much as possible.

Public Comment

Kevin Nelson – questioned trees – Westrop forwarded info to city

Denise Joy – Choriki have received constituent calls about Steffens

Tevlin has received emails from City Council regarding the issue and will look to put into next years CIP.

Board Discussion

3. **SBBURD Expansion – Jim** (Info/Action)
Wyeth Friday, City Planning

July 12, 2021 is the public hearing on expansion due to a zoning change that occurred today. If all goes forward August will see finalization.

Public Comment

None

Board Discussion

None

4. **South Billings Recreation Center – Jim** (Information)

Project is moving forward. May 5th committee met to discuss operating scenarios. How does SBURA move forward with funding available at this time.

Talked about possible use of Federal Stimulus funds.

Met with Parks and Rec about who would champion the project.

May 12 Tevlin and Zier met with State Reps Usher and Flemming about center and federal stimulus funds.

HB632 sets forth how the funds will be dispersed.
SBURA needs to find a connection.

May 19th discussed a timeline for business plan to City Council.
Tevlin met with the "ice group" who are interested in two sheets of ice.

May 24th met with Parks and Rec discussing vision of the facility from SBURA's approach. There is a need for 30% of design of facility. A need to touch base with City Administrator on how to get authorization of funds to proceed. The City Administrator requested a presentation to City Council. Need to know how rec center fits into the TIF district.

May 28th met with Newman elementary Principal on how the center might interface with the school. The school is extremely interested in a partnership.

Andrew Houlihan expanded by commenting what a broad view would look like. SBURA is championing the project due to it being laying dead for the past three years.

Public Comment

Kevin Nelson – are the committee meetings public.
The committee is not made up of expert and we should use consultants.
Believes the committee is conflicted.

Board Discussion

Andrew Houlihan stated will provide City Council enough information to make a good decision.

5. **Project Update**

Jackson Court Development – Still on hold

Red Lion/Montana Trailhead Inn – Bankruptcy Court will be making decision on plan in June.

6. **Newman Lane** – Tevlin presented to City Council for \$62,200 and Council approved
7. **Optimist Park** – Council approved a shelter at park for \$256,000, When will be installed? Jarvis responded in process of finalization on project. Then will have a good timeline. Too earlier to know if there will be additional expenses. \$25,000 will have to be used for design fees.

Public Comment

Kevin Nelson – Newman to finish the gravel road

Board Discussion

Carolyn Ruckstad – Jackson on hold but they have federal funds. Tevlin stated the developer has federal credits to date.

8. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

Denise Joy – As council they are moving forward on in person meetings depending on audio. Where is SBURA to open to public. Zier no plan not in place at this time.

Kevin Nelson – Are rec center meetings public. Zier stated they are private and report to full board and public.

9. Adjourn

Carolyn Ruckstad moved to adjourn at 7:38 pm.