

South Billings Urban Renewal Association Board Meeting

Tuesday 08/06/2024 6:00 p.m.

Billings Hotel and Convention Center

1223 Mallowney Lane, Billings, MT

Public Welcome (Zoom Access Provided)

Call to Order: Scott Hanser, SBURA Board Vice President

Courtesies: Welcome Visitors

Meeting Protocol: Visitors wishing to be recognized should raise their hand. Unrecognized remarks will not be acknowledged. Those wishing to offer public comment will be limited to three minutes.

In attendance: Ron Ronquillo, Mike Pigg, Melanie Schwarz, Jeff Muri, Mike Erikson, Scott Hanser, Dick Zier, Carolyn Rukstad, Sara Trautmann, Kevin Nelson, Lori Nelson, Mike Yakawich, Evan Decker, Andrew Houlihan, Parker Phipps, Kristine Glenn, Kevin Heaney, Jodie Adams, Brian Johnson, Jeff Kanning

Agenda Additions/Deletions

- Amendment to the 06/04/2024 minutes (Action)
Jeff Muri motioned, Carolyn Rukstad seconded to amend "Mike Nelson" to Kevin Nelson on the meeting notes. APPROVED

Agenda Items:

1. Approval of Minutes for 06/04/2024- Scott (Action)
 - Jeff Muri motioned, Carolyn Rukstad seconded to approve the amended minutes. APPROVED
2. Approval of the amendment to the 5/20/2024 minutes- Scott (ACTION)
 - Mike Erikson motioned, Carolyn Rukstad seconded to amend the minutes to state Jeff Muri and Andrew Houlihan recused themselves from the discussion and vote regarding SBURA application for The Billings Hotel. APPROVED
3. Optimist Lighting- Mike Pigg (ACTION)
 - Mike Pigg presented various lighting designs, as well as cost to implement. Cost included using all wired lighting as well as partially wired and partially solar.
Public comment- Kevin Nelson stated that public confidence in safety of being outside after dark is dwindling. He believes the entire area should be lit to improve public security. Ron Ronquillo asked whether the city has spoken to Northwestern Energy about the project prices. Mike Pigg responded that Northwestern Energy handles the section they are responsible for but the rest of the area is the responsibility of the city and that he has not seen any grants available for it.
Board Comment- no comments
 - Jeff Muri motioned, Kevin Heaney seconded to approve up to \$250,000 for the Optimist Lighting project. APPROVED
4. Amend Sports Complex Proposal- Melanie and Dick (ACTION)
 - Dick Zier presented the proposal that would be taken to the work study session on August 19th. Possible partnerships for portions of the facility have been suggested. Parker Phipps from Signal Peak spoke briefly about their intent to support the ice portion of the project. Mike Pigg spoke briefly about Parks and Recs using the facility for their programs in the off season.
Public Comment: Ron Ronquillo stated that Parks and Recs using this facility during off times is a great idea considering the program is so great. Kevin Nelson stressed the need to make sure events are not overbooked to avoid traffic and parking issues.

Board Comment: none

Jeff Muri motioned, Carolyn Rukstad seconded to take the proposal to the City Council.

Andrew Houlihan abstained from the vote APPROVED

5. Dick Zier Consultant contract renewal- Kevin Heaney (Action)

- All board members expressed their thanks to Dick for his hard work and dedication to the board.

Kevin Heaney motioned, Jeff Muri seconded to renew Dick Zier Consulting contract for one year. APPROVED

6. Public Comment on Non-agenda items

- None

7. Adjourn (Action)

Jeff Muri motioned, Carolyn Rukstad seconded to adjourn the meeting APPROVED