

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

Date: December 31, 2024
To: SBURA Board
From: Dick Zier
Subject: Consultant's Report

The following is a brief update on noteworthy activities in the South Billings Boulevard Urban Renewal District ("the District") as of October 31, 2024 (the reader is urged to view prior reports posted on the website www.southbillings.org for context):

2024 Was a very exciting and productive year for SBURA. The following is a summary of our year.

January 2024

1. The City Council approved the Solar Panel request for School District #2 at Riverside School.

February 2024

1. Approved the release of \$1,000,000 TIF request from the TPA for the 2 Office/Warehouse project.
2. Board member Steve Solberg turned in his resignation.

March 2024

1. The City Council granted approval for SBURA to move forward with the Amend Recreation Campus plans to build what we can afford without additional taxes.
2. Jackson Cour Apartments TIF request for \$547,304 and TPA Group request TIF request for \$1,000,000 were funded.

April 2024

1. Mike Erickson was appointed to the SBURA Board to replace Steve Solberg.
2. Collaborative Design was awarded a contract to scale down the design of the Amend Recreation Campus project to what we can afford and present the SBURA Board with a concept.

May 2024

1. The Billings Hotel and Convention Center was approved for a TIF award of \$463,085 for the expansion of their Convention Center.
2. The Mitchell Courts TIF request for \$500,000 to build 32 more affordable housing units was approved.

June 2024

1. SBURA paid off the Evidence Center Bonds.

August 2024

1. SBURA approved a \$250,000 to Install additional lighting at Optimist Park for safety purposes.
2. Dick Zier Consulting's contract was renewed for another year.

September 2024

1. At the September 3, 2024, City Council meeting, they unanimously directed City Staff to prepare 2 Requests for Proposals to hire a design team for the following.
 - A. Design the Court facility to have a minimum of 4 courts that can be converted to 8 for younger participants, a walking/jogging track, locker/shower areas, concessions, party rooms and offices.
 - B. Design the infrastructure for the Amend Recreation Campus to include pad sites for the Courts and Hockey facility. Also, two additional Pad sites for future Development.

October 2024

1. A TIF request from Montana Trailhead Inn (formerly Holiday Inn) in the amount of \$500,000 was approved by the City Council at the October 28th meeting for the Demolition of 221 Hotel rooms.

November 2024

1. The Billings City Council approved a TIF Application from Service Pro Express Lube in the amount of \$180,792.
2. \$100,000 TIF award was released to School District #2 for the installation of Solar Panels at Riverside School.
3. Daniel Rider was awarded a contract as a Web Page provider.
4. A & E Architects were hired to design the Courts and infrastructure at Amend Recreation Campus.
5. SBURA, Yellowstone Ice Foundation, and Upstream have signed a contract for Upstream to raise Private funds for the ARC project.

As you can see, 2024 was very successful. Thank you to Signal Peak Mine for creating a public Private Partnership for this project by donating \$6,000,000 to the Ice Facility. They Created Yellowstone Ice

Foundation (a non-profit) to own and manage this project. Thank you to the SBURA Board, the Billings City Council, The TBID Board, the Billings Chamber of Commerce, and all the Citizens for the support of the Amend Recreation Campus project. Watch it happen in 2025. It will be a tremendous benefit to not only the Southside, but the City of Billings, Yellowstone County and our region.

SBURA also continued to pave, provide curbs gutters and sidewalks for unpaved streets in our District.

Please contact me with projects that you would like to see SBURA get involved in that pertain to the Southside TIF District.

Dick Zier, SBURA Consultant