

Rainier Economic Development Council  
May 14, 2009 ~ Regular Meeting  
Rainier City Hall - Rainier, Oregon

**Meeting was called to order** by Terry Grice, Chair, at 6:06 p.m.

**Roll Call - Present**

Terry Grice, Chair Tim Navarro, Vice Chair Dearl Taylor, Secretary  
Jennifer Dennis, Treasurer Paul Rice

**Others present -**

Lars Gare, City Administrator Jerry Cole, Mayor Ruth Howard, Clatskanie Chief  
Shirley Bartholomew Judith Taylor, City Council Terry Deaton, REDCO Staff Administrator

**Approval of minutes -**

Dearl Taylor made a motion to approve the March 12, 2009 minutes, Jennifer  
Dennis seconded the motion and the motion passed by a unanimous vote. There was no meeting  
in April due to lack of a quorum.

**Visitors comments -**

Judith Taylor, City Council, updated REDCO on the progress with marina restroom project.  
Shirley Bartholomew asked REDCO to consider a special levy to address the shortfall of revenues  
from the sewer. This would place less of a burden on all of the citizens. Terry Grice said we should  
run this by the attorneys. He thought REDCO was not allowed to do city projects. It could be  
addressed at the budget meeting in a couple of weeks. Paul Rice thought the grocery store  
project  
money would be better spent on the sewer.

**Unfinished business -**

The city has given permission to place the sign at the Rainier Marina. Dearl Taylor  
suggested when Mr. Sherwin begins speaking to business for advertising that it would be a good  
time to talk about REDCO advertising. Lars said it is a permanently mounted sign. Boaters have  
money and are interested in investing in property. This would be a cost effective way to get our  
name  
out in front of the economic development. Judith Taylor said there is a large sign on marina bath-  
rooms with all the businesses listed. Lars Gare said if REDCO is looking for economic  
development  
things to do, this would be one. Terry Deaton will write up a proposal for the sign for input from the  
Council and Mr. Sherwin. Lars will contact them and see if it is still available. Terry Deaton will  
come  
up with sign and email to council.

**Marina square restrooms and picnic area bids** - Dearl is working with Judith, City council and  
public works to oversee pressure washing and repairs. Judith re looked at it and went back to  
square

one to revisit the goals:

usable, clean, safe facility - keep cost to minimum - open year round

Public works, Darrel Lockard, told Judith he could pressure wash the restrooms, remove chamber  
sign, remove boater pay station. He will schedule maintenance and have it functional by Rainier  
Days in the Park. She is working with contractors to come in with bids under \$10,000 for the

complete project. Dearl said the door is probably biggest expense. The floor will need to be ground down with a new surface in the ladies room. If city is going to do something else down there, it would be a shame to put in large amount of money to have it torn down. They will include electric blower drier, one toilet per unit (men's and women's). It might require new electrical circuits. Tim Navarro thought two circuits should work. One could be lights the other for electric hand driers. Terry Grice asked for a list of contractors. Judith has list, wants input from city first. She is talking to 4 contractors. Jennifer Dennis said city would have to approve the final proposal since it is city property.

**Mission Statement for Bylaws -**

Mayor Cole recommended a motto - Committed to Service. Jennifer Dennis made a motion to adopt the 2003 mission statement. Tim Navarro seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

**Strategies for community** - tabled until next month.

**OI Pastime business grant-**

Tim Navarro made a motion to approve the grant for \$4,113.58 with REDCO's 50% portion of \$2,056.79 to be paid for the grant. Seconded by Jennifer Dennis. Motion passed, unanimous.

**Garbage cans for the City -**

Discussion of a community grant for 10 garbage cans to be placed in the community. Sloan Nelson said the City recently renegotiated an agreement with our garbage hauler. He went to the Chamber and they are on board and think it is good project. Chamber will pay 50% for the aggregate rock garbage cans with plastic tops for a total of \$1800 which is half of the cost. Total cost is almost \$3600. Shirley Bartholomew said they are not charging us any extra fee to pick up these garbage cans. Judith Taylor said the price includes shipping. Perhaps we could offer businesses to place one in front of their business for a charge of \$50. Dearl asked the mayor if this was something the City wants. Mayor Cole said sure. When they renegotiate their contract, Lars said we would let them know they would be included and figure out how to do it. Tim Navarro asked we suspend the two meeting rule so we could get these garbage cans order prior to Rainier Days in the Park. Tim made the motion to approve the purchase of 10 garbage cans for \$1800 for the City. It was seconded by Dearl Taylor. Paul Rice thought some of these should go to the park even if it was more money we would have to spend with at least one or two around the Chevron area where trash is a problem. The motion was approved, unanimous.

**Nominations for Vice Chair -**

Dearl Taylor nominated Tim Navarro and Paul Rice seconded the motion. It was approved by a unanimous vote.

**REDCO Council positions applications -**

One application for the REDCO council has been received from Robert Piercy. Shirley Bartholomew requested an application for the position. Terry Deaton will send her one. Upon receipt REDCO will take the applications to the Mayor and City Council for approval.

**REDCO Budget Committee -**

Three citizens has agreed to be on the budget committee - Hank Bartholomew, Kris Guist and Bill Wagner.

**New Business -**

**Wetland Bank** -- Terry Deaton is still gathering information at this time and will table this until the next meeting.

Jennifer Dennis announced the first **Budget Committee Meeting** will be held June 4th. If needed, a second meeting will be scheduled for June 11th at 6 p.m. prior to the REDCO regular meeting. The Public Hearing will be on June 18th. All meetings will be held at 6 p.m. in the City Hall.

**Absenteeism** - Dearl brought up absenteeism. Since we are short handed and important items going on, if we aren't going to have a quorum there is no point in all of us showing up.

**Plaques for resigned council members** - Jennifer said we should order plaques for Mike Avent and David Qualman to Thank them for their service to REDCO. Dearl Taylor made a motion to get plaques for Mike and David. Terry Deaton will get prices for plaques.

**Business Fair** - no one attended.

**County spring cleanup** - The county has money available for a free dump day. Tim it would be nice to know what they Mayor Cole thought whether or not the county gives REDCO any money it would be good to have a cleanup day. It would be good for REDCO and the City to work together. We should develop target zones in the community. REDCO could bring it to the City Council. Jennifer Dennis said it sounds like this is a good idea to pursue the end of June or first of July. Paul will check with county on whats available and Terry Deaton will check with garbage company.

**A Street Plaza** - Darrel Lockard, Public Works, would like to know if REDCO wants to do repair work in the parking area of the planned A Street Plaza parking lot. Jennifer noted we have a budget meeting coming up and could allocate the money from the A St redevelopment fund. Paul made a motion to pull up to \$250 out of A St Plaza Fund to maintain the parking area. Seconded by Dearl Taylor. Tim Navarro, if we are going to do it on an annual basis we should budget for it. Jerry Cole, you just need a line item on maintenance of REDCO properties. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Lars noted Judith Taylor cannot be on the budget committee. Jerry Cole, do your best to try to replace Judith. Do your best and plead forgiveness if you need her. Jennifer, we will work hard to pursue our leads on the budget committee within 97048.

Paul asked if we had Budget guidelines and Jennifer said their are guidelines. Jennifer Dennis did not agree with the letter REDCO received from Kris Guist. When you have good looking business it attracts people and businesses. Also it encourages businesses to stay clean and attractive.

**Mayor Jerry Cole, I would like to see REDCO look at the big picture items.** Foss is good example 60 jobs. REDCO and the City need to be working together a little more. I would like to challenge REDCO to find those big jobs.

**Accounts Payable -**

Dearl made a motion to approve the accounts payable in the amount of April \$10,439.04 and May \$17,387.95 - Jennifer Dennis seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

**Comments -**

Sloan Nelson asked if they would be able to get paid before the garbage cans are installed. As a community grant we can write a check immediately for this stated Terry Grice.

**Executive session - ORS 192.660(2)(h)** - conference with attorneys was convened at 7:28 p.m. Mayor Cole talked with REDCO and their attorneys. He then left so they could continue into executive session in private with their attorneys.

**Reconvened public meeting at 8:39 p.m.** Discussion followed.

**Terry Grice adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.**

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Terry Grice, Chair

  
Terry Deaton, REDCO Staff Administrator