

MISSOULA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

CONDENSED BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 2, 2010

FINAL

A **Special** meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Missoula Redevelopment Agency was held at MRA Conf. Room, 140 W. Pine, Missoula, MT 59802 at 11:00 AM. Those in attendance were as follows:

Board: Hal Fraser, Rosalie Cates, Daniel Kemmis, Karl Englund

Staff: Ellen Buchanan, Chris Behan, Tod Gass, Jilayne Lee, Lesley Pugh

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PUBLIC COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACTION ITEMS

URD III Residential Curb & Sidewalk Mailbox Purchase – Request for Approval

Gass reviewed his memo. The Staff recommendation is that the Board accept and approve the mailboxxchange.com quote in an amount not to exceed \$8,200.16 for the purchase of four 8-door cluster mailbox units and five 12-door cluster mailbox units, including the mounting pedestals, all delivered to the main post office on Kent Ave.

Cates asked who will own and maintain the mailboxes. Gass said he believes the post office will own and maintain them over time. Cates asked if MRA has that in writing. Gass replied no. Cates said they could be subject to vandalism. Buchanan said MRA can get that in writing.

Fraser asked if the post office would be doing anything at that location if the MRA wasn't doing sidewalks. Gass replied no, the sidewalks are driving the change. Fraser asked if the users of the boxes are aware of what's going on. Gass said a mailing was sent out to notify them of the change. He said those with mobility impairments can bring a doctor's note to the post office explaining their impairment and the post office will deliver their mail to their door for as long as they live at that address.

Buchanan said MRA really challenged the post office on this but they wouldn't budge. Cates asked if the residents have had any chance to speak their minds to the post office. Buchanan said not yet because the letter was just sent out. Cates said if the residents do get up in arms and cause some kind of change then the order will be screwed up so she urged Gass to give them time to comment before placing the order. Englund agreed. Kemmis said in a way it's unfortunate that the residents have to learn about it from MRA

because it creates the impression that MRA is the one driving the change when really all its doing is helping them respond to a change that the post office is forcing. He said he does understand the post office's needs to cut costs and this is a wise thing to be doing. He said it is important to give the residents time to express any concerns before MRA commits itself.

MOTION

**CATES: I MOVE WE APPROVE THE MAILBOXIXCHANGE.COM QUOTE
NOT TO EXCEED \$8200.16 AND WOULD LIKE STAFF TO USE ITS
DISCRETION ON SEEING IF THERE'S ANY CHANGES DUE TO PUBLIC
RESPONSE AND MAKE SURE THAT THE MAINTENANCE AND
OWNERSHIP IS ESTABLISHED IN WRITING.** Englund seconded the motion. 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed unanimously. Moe absent.

OTHER ITEMS

Buchanan said the City applied for TIGER grants earlier in the year as part of a stimulus package. The City did not get a grant. She said TIGER II grants are now out and they are transportation related. She said there is a desire to apply for a TIGER II grant to build a Clegg/Wyoming connection, do the railroad trestle, build underpasses for the trail system under Russell St., redo Clegg Lane through the park and rebuild River Road to be a dike and solve the flood plan issues in that area. Buchanan said the full application will cost about \$15,000. OPG is putting together a preliminary application. MRP has asked that MRA consider sharing the cost of the application with them. The Board said they would like it to come to the next meeting for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lesley Pugh
Secretary II