

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO,
HELD AT THE LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM

February 5, 2013

The Mayor and Council of the City of Coeur d'Alene met in a regular session of said Council at the Coeur d'Alene City Library Community Room February 5, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Sandi Bloem, Mayor

Mike Kennedy) Members of Council Present
Woody McEvers)
Dan Gookin)
Steve Adams)
Deanna Goodlander)
Loren "Ron" Edinger)

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bloem called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Led by Pastor Robert Fetveit, Elijah House.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilman Gookin led the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATION: LAKE CITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT

Tony Berns, Executive Director of the Lake City Development Corporation (LCDC) presented the 2012 Annual Report. LCDC has two districts, the Lake District, which has eight more years, and the River District with 14 more years. Mr. Berns introduced the board members and presented the standing sub-committees. He stated that the initiatives for the Board included McEuen Park, Higher Education Campus, Prairie Trail, Midtown place making, workforce/affordable housing, re-development initiatives (6 brownfield sites), Urban Land Institute Idaho events, and a partnership with the Downtown Association. Priorities for the year include the Higher Education Corridor, Four-Corners, and assistance to the magnet schools, workforce housing, public space, job retention/creation, public parking downtown and mid-town, and a continuation of the place-making initiative in mid-town.

Councilman McEvers stated that it was interesting to see the history of LCDC as presented and that it was nice to see the accomplishments. Councilman Gookin asked about the status of the midtown workforce housing. Mr. Berns stated that the Housing Company would like to bring forward another option that would potentially include a senior housing product, or when the time is right bring back the condominium product. Councilman Gookin asked about the LCDC video currently being produced. Mr. Berns stated that the video is intended to be an educational tool and will be produced in 2 and 5-minute spots. Councilman Gookin stated that he does not have a problem with urban renewal but rather that the LCDC does not have a plan driven approach,

which he feels would be a better way to keep the public informed. Mr. Berns stated that the annual report period gives an opportunity to present the annual goals to the public, as there are opportunities that come along that one could not have predicted 5-10 years ago. Councilman Goodlander stated that she appreciated the way the presentation was organized, as it was easy for people to see the accomplishments and goals. She further stated that it was her pleasure to serve with the Board. Councilman Edinger thanked Mr. Berns for his presentation. Councilman Kennedy asked how many jobs were created at the U.S. Bank Call Center, Riverstone, and Kroc Center. Mr. Berns stated that there are 500 employees at the call center, approximately 1,500 to 2,000 at Riverstone (dependent upon construction), and approximately 200 at the Kroc Center. Councilman Kennedy stated that the economic impact and job creation has been a great public/private partnership with proven results. Additionally, he stated that Sorensen School was at risk of being closed, but due to the flexibility of LCDC, that school was able to be refurbished to meet ADA requirements and is now flourishing. Mayor Bloem stated that the community was lucky to have this method of reinvesting in the community creating jobs. Councilman Adams stated he felt it was important to point out that LCDC is funded exclusively from property tax.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Patrick Blum, 3650 Government Way, thanked LCDC for their work. He hoped that the Women's Center expansion and increased affordable housing could be future goals. He would like to strengthen the community by asking businesses to hire those with disabilities and those that are homeless.

Bruce Rafford, Deer Park, asked LCDC if their video would be close-captioned for those with hearing loss as any announcement from state and local government should be closed-captioned.

Roy Wargie, 2022 Coeur d'Alene Avenue, requested a contact for who is responsible for the Citylink bus line. Mr. Tymesen stated he would provide Mr. Wargie with the correct contact information.

Dave Barger, 530 W. Harrison Avenue, stated that the federal government is going to implode and the City should be concerned with taking federal monies. He asked the Mayor to ask the community to turn off the T.V. and go to the internet experts in these matters.

Linda Wolovich, 1018 N. B Street, stated that she contacted a ULI consultant and asked his opinion of Coeur d'Alene. He stated that the City has done some great planning in our community; however, the McEuen parking lot was ugly. She wished Mr. Ames were here during the McEuen discussions. She asked why Mr. Gridley brought the project forward. Mr. Gridley stated that he had traveled to Bend several times, and happened to visit during a kickoff celebration and he thought it was a good idea for our community. She stated that she had a list of items that made her mistrust the Parks Department.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Kennedy, seconded by McEvers to approve the consent calendar as presented.

1. Approval of minutes for January 10, 2013 (noon), January 10, 2013 (5:00 p.m.), January 14, 2013, and January 15, 2013.
2. Setting General Services and Public Works Committees meetings for Monday, February 11th at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. respectively.
3. Setting of Public Hearing for Water rates/fees on February 19, 2013
4. Setting of Public Hearing for Wastewater rates/fees on March 5, 2013
5. **RESOLUTION NO. 13-007** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO AUTHORIZING THE BELOW MENTIONED CONTRACTS AND OTHER ACTIONS OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE INCLUDING APPROVING THE DESTRUCTION OF WATER DEPARTMENT TEMPORARY RECORDS.

ROLL CALL: Kennedy Aye; Adams Aye; McEvers Aye; Goodlander Aye; Gookin Aye; Edinger Aye. Motion carried.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Councilman Goodlander stated that the Arts Commission has several current projects. The commission is in the process of finalizing the selection of an artist for the 4th Street roundabout. Four to five artists will be chosen to create maquettes that will be on display in the Library for public comment. Additional projects include the Art Currents program (downtown street corner art) and the utility box project, which includes the digitally printed art wrapped over the utility boxes. A call to artists is expected to go out in July for the McEuen Park art piece at 4th Street. Additionally, during the year a call to artists will go out for a piece in Riverstone along the Centennial Trail.

Councilman Gookin stated that he attended the School District Board meeting last night and they stated that they had received the appraisal of Bryan Field. The appraisal came in at approximately \$309,000, which is \$4/sq. ft., the same formula as Person Field. The motion made by the School Board was to offer both fields to the City at \$750,000. He stated that the Joint Powers Agreement was still an issue that needed to be resolved and suggested that another joint meeting with the School District be held to discuss that agreement.

Councilman Edinger stated that he thinks the meeting with the School District was good, but is hesitant to make an agreement for the fields at the price suggested. He believes that staff should be involved in the Joint Powers Agreement because he does not want the City to be taken advantage of.

Councilman Goodlander stated that staff is negotiating the Joint Powers Agreement and that it should not be negotiated at a public meeting as there are so many parts. There may be future opportunities for joint meetings.

APPOINTMENT: Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Goodlander to approve the appointment of Mike Dodge to the Arts Commission. Motion carried with Gookin voting No.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: The CDA 2020 visioning project began in 2000 when a group of citizens asked the community to share its vision for the Coeur d'Alene area for the next 20 years. In an updating effort, a public visioning presentation by Steven Ames will be held tomorrow, February 6th, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the Lake City Center, 1916 Lakewood Boulevard, or from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Coeur d'Alene Eagles Lodge. Congratulations to City of Coeur d'Alene Recreation Director Steve Anthony who received the Inland Northwest Sportswriters and Broadcasters (SWABS) 25-year award – one of only three recipients. With this honor by SWABS, and his recognition last year, Mr. Anthony is only the second person ever inducted from North Idaho into ASA's Hall of Fame. There are many events happening at the Coeur d'Alene Library this month. Free computer literacy help sessions entitled "ReTool Box" resumes this month. Help sessions are led by volunteers from the Library Foundation and NIC. Sessions are designed for individuals with little or no computer skills who need to begin using computers to apply for work, to begin a job, or simply to communicate with friends and family. For more information, call the Library Foundation at 769-2380. The Sundance Film Festival movie "Arbitrage," will be screened this Thursday, February 7th, at 7:00 p.m., in the Library Community Room and is sponsored by the Library Foundation. A \$5.00 donation is suggested with proceeds going to enhance the library's DVD collection. Reservations are now being accepted for "Love Stories," a benefit concert featuring vocalist Ruth Pratt, Friday, February 15th, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., in the Library Community Room, with proceeds benefitting the library. Reservations can be made by calling 769-2380. The City will be sponsoring a 2nd annual Development Forum on February 28th, at 11:30 a.m., in the Library Community Room. The forum is an opportunity for the building community – developers, builders, architects, and engineers to dialogue with city development-related staff with the goal of sharing information and listening to the development community to enable us to improve our processes and responsiveness. Forum invitees will be developers, builders, and architects-engineers. At the annual Idaho Association of Building Officials business meeting last week in Nampa, Building Services Director, Ed Wagner was elected to serve a second term as President. Ed's reelection reflects his outstanding reputation among Building Officials across the state of Idaho. Ms. Gabriel thanked the Police Volunteers who have worked 4159 hours in 2012, which is equivalent to two full-time employees. Due to the City Risk Management Committee's efforts, the City received a dividend check in the amount of \$14,120. The mid-February North Idaho Police academy will include four new Officers. Public safety personnel were involved in a simulation exercise of an active shooting incident, wherein approximately 50 people attended. Later this spring another public safety exercise will be held at NIC. Wastewater Superintendent Sid Frederickson recently provided a tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant to 25 South Korean students. The Police Department recently held a quarterly meeting with the School District and discussed school safety, problem students, future SRO positions, equipment, etc. Sgt. Turrell recently received a thank you letter from a school counselor regarding his beneficial mentorship of a student.

RESOLUTION 13-008

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO ESTABLISHING GRIEVANCE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964, THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990 (ADA), SECTION 504 OF THE VOCATIONAL

REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 AND THE CIVIL RIGHTS RESTORATION ACT OF 1987, AS AMENDED.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Gookin to adopt Resolution 13-008.

ROLL CALL: Edinger Aye; Adams Aye; McEvers Aye; Goodlander Aye; Gookin Aye; Kennedy Aye. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF CDA 2020 UPDATE- VISIONING COEUR D'ALENE'S FUTURE.

City Attorney Mike Gridley provided a brief history of the vision 2020 project and clarified that he found the Bend, Oregon project as an opportunity to update the 2020 plan, and believes it is the right time to bring this forward. He introduced Steven Ames as a Long Range Planner and that he is known as an architect of public process. Mr. Ames is an author and has conducted visioning throughout the United States and internationally.

Mr. Ames presented his approach to a visioning process and strategies for success. He stated that having a strategic vision for the future allows local governments to act in a proactive way to change rather than being reactive. Additionally, visioning includes a process to create public involvement and frameworks for a strategic plan, using action plans as roadmaps. He stated that key visioning qualities include the engagement of the whole community, reflection of shared community values, addressesing emerging trends, and envisioning a preferred future, with a focus on location action. Mr. Ames provided examples of the Bend 2030 successes based on their action plan. He stated that a lack of follow through is the biggest obstacle to successful visioning. He hoped that the audience and community attend the community meetings being held tomorrow.

Councilman Gookin stated that the community is divided as they requested a public vote for McEuen and had a recall attempt, so he questioned how Mr. Ames would recommend getting those people to participate. Mr. Ames stated that every community has some level of conflict. Mr. Ames stated that this type of process would require a leap of faith and that people that love their community will step forward. He stated that this process can create a new playing field and people can find common ground. Councilman McEvers stated that he was involved in the 2020 process and believes that the people will make it happen and is excited about the process. Councilman Goodlander is excited to see the next step in the process and believes it is time to update the 2020 plan. Mr. Ames clarified that no decisions have been made, but that this is the beginning and an opportunity to hear what the community feels is the right direction. Councilman Kennedy believes that it is a great time to find out more about the long-term vision for the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-009

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO AUTHORIZING AN UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC & GAS RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT WITH AVISTA CORPORATION.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Goodlander to adopt Resolution 13-008.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Edinger stated that his understanding is that the utility relocation is going to cost approximately \$25,000 and asked where the money would be coming from to pay for the easement. Parks Director, Doug Eastwood, stated the costs would be within the McEuen project budget and that the purpose of the easement is to give Avista a place to move their overhead utilities underground.

ROLL CALL: Adams Aye; McEvers Aye; Goodlander Aye; Gookin Aye; Kennedy Aye; Edinger Aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Kennedy, seconded Edinger by that there being no further business before the Council this meeting be adjourned. Motion carried

The meeting recessed at 8:18 p.m.

Sandi Bloem, Mayor

ATTEST:

Renata McLeod,
City Clerk