

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## CITY OF LAFAYETTE

### LAFAYETTE URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY MEETING February 8, 2022

#### I. OPENING OF THE SPECIALLY SCHEDULED MEETING

##### CALL TO ORDER

The February 8, 2022 meeting of the Lafayette Urban Renewal Authority (LURA) was called to order at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was conducted via electronic participation due to the presence of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Colorado and subsequent Safer at Home Executive Order from Governor Jared Polis.

##### ROLL CALL

Those in attendance from LURA were Commissioners Arrington, Martin, Redondo, Williams, Chair Muller, and Vice Chair Cutler. Commissioner Rodgers was absent.

Also present was Executive Director Keating.

#### II. MINUTES

The Authority reviewed the minutes from the January 11, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Arrington moved to approve the January 11, 2022 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Williams. All voted in favor.

#### III. PUBLIC INPUT

1. Karen Norback spoke in support of pulling the COHN Marketing presentation.
2. Vicky Uhland spoke in support of LURA's responsiveness to the public comments related to the 700 Block and pulling the COHN Marketing presentation.

#### IV. REGULAR BUSINESS

##### **Update on the 700 Block, including 705 S Public Road and 707 S Public Road**

Executive Director Keating provided a brief update on the 700 block and the recent public comment from the January 11, 2022 meeting. She shared that 705 S Public Road and 707 S Public Road went under contract with two separate small businesses shortly after the January 11, 2022. It is her understanding that 705 S Public Road fell out of contract but there are interested parties actively pursuing the opportunity. As this is a private property, LURA was not involved in the listing or contract.

She also shared that she spoke with the City of Lafayette's Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Director about a park on Public Road. The PROS Director indicated that Old Town is well served by parks, open space, trails, and recreation facilities including Festival Plaza, Wilson Community Gardens, Sanchez Nature Kids Discovery Zone, Inspire Trail, Simpson Miners Park, Bob Burger Recreation Center, Romero Park, and

Waneka Lake. He indicated that a neighborhood park would likely be sited off of Public Road. Executive Director Keating agreed that there is benefit for different types of public spaces other than festival plaza. The PROS Director was supportive of LURA working with private property owners to provide more publicly accessible spaces in Old Town, such as seating and parklets.

### **Resolution 2022-01 / Approving the 2022 LURA Old Town Façade Improvement Grant Program**

Executive Director Keating presented this item. She provided a brief overview of the program, alignment with the Urban Renewal Plan and Comprehensive Plan, and feedback received from the Historic Preservation Board (HPB) on February 7, 2022. Commissioners spoke in support of the program and asked questions regarding the impact on property tax. Commissioners also spoke in support of conducting outreach to the Latino community about the program.

Commissioner Arrington moved to approve Resolution 2022-01 / Approving the 2022 LURA Old Town Façade Improvement Grant Program. Seconded by Vice Chair Cutler. All voted in favor.

### **Presentation on Lafayette Urban Renewal Authority Community Outreach Update**

Executive Director Keating presented this item. She discussed the lessons learned from the September Retreat. She discussed how she engaged with the City's Communications Director and Manager to discuss a variety of tools and activities to increase community engagement and provide effective communication. Executive Director Keating then shared updates on the new engagement opportunities and strategies for LURA including Lafayette Listens, new templates (in English and Spanish), and participating in community events.

Commissioners were very supportive of the project and asked questions about potential raffles and outreach to increase engagement.

### **Discussion on the Baseline Pedestrian Improvement Project Potential Next Steps**

Executive Director Keating presented this item. She provided an overview of the Baseline Pedestrian Improvement Project and the conditions of blight. She then discussed potential next steps for advancing the project, specifically by working with the City of Lafayette's City Engineer and Transportation Engineer to draft and release a Request for Proposals for Engineering Services. Commissioners asked questions regarding coordination with Public Works and CDOT. They also asked questions about funding, contacts, and the RFP process.

LURA was supportive of advancing the project. LURA then provided direction to Executive Director Keating to advance the Baseline Pedestrian Improvement Project by drafting and releasing a Request for Proposals for Engineering Services related to Final Design.

## **V. UPDATES**

### **Construction and Design Updates on LURA Supported Projects**

Executive Director shared updates on the construction progress for 209 E Simpson Street (Kaleidoscope), 711 S Public Road (Rocky Mountain Legal), 201 E Simpson Street (East Simpson Coffee Company), and 210 N Public Road (Former Sinclair Gas Station).

### **Potential March Meeting Topics**

Executive Director Keating provided a brief overview of potential march meeting topics, including:

- Draft Due Diligence and General Competitive Bidding Process for Discussion
- 210 N Public Road Planned Unit Development Application
- Conceptual Site Planning Recommendations for 709 and 711 S Public Road
- LURA 2021 Financial Overview

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS / STAFF AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Executive Director Keating shared that she is working with the City's Public Art Coordinator to purchase a piece of public art for East Simpson Street. This was reviewed by the Economic Development Committee and is within the Executive Director's spending authority.

## **VII. ADJOURN**

Muller adjourned the meeting at 6:44 PM.

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ATTEST:

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Kevin Muller, Chair

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Brigid Keating, Executive Director

<p>The minutes herein are a summary of the business conducted at this meeting, not a verbatim transcription. Only the actions taken and text appearing within quotation marks are verbatim.</p>
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