

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF LAFAYETTE

LAFAYETTE URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY MEETING September 13, 2022

I. OPENING OF THE SPECIALLY SCHEDULED MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The September 13, 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 Chair Muller, Vice Chair Cutler, Commissioners Arrington, Martin, and Williams. Commissioners Rodgers and Redondo were absent.

Also present was Executive Director Keating, Daniel Sperle, and Sustainability Coordinator Elizabeth Szorad.

II. MINUTES

The Authority reviewed the minutes from the August 9, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Arrington moved to approve the August 9, 2022 minutes. It was seconded by Commissioner Martin. All voted in favor.

III. PUBLIC INPUT

1. Vicky Uhland shared some concerns regarding virtual meetings.

IV. REGULAR BUSINESS

Introduction to the Economic Development Fellow and CU Denver Capstone Student Daniel Sperle

Executive Director Keating introduced Daniel Sperle—the new Economic Development Fellow. She shared that Daniel is currently in the Master of Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) program at the University of Colorado. In addition, Daniel will also be completing his MURP capstone in Old Town Lafayette this fall. Chair Muller welcomed Daniel and asked if he could share more about the scope of his capstone project. Daniel shared that the capstone will focus on creating an ArcGIS StoryMap on how Old Town has changed since 1999. This interactive map will be a tool used in community outreach next year during the LURA transition project. Commissioners were excited to have Daniel on board.

Trash & Recycling Containers in Old Town Lafayette Update

Executive Director Keating introduced this item and welcomed back Sustainability Coordinator Elizabeth Szorad. She shared a progress update on the new trash and recycling containers that will be installed in Old Town. She shared that the community contest for the art graphics is now live. Following the contest, a July selection will be assembled to review submissions. Commissioner Arrington volunteered to be on the selection committee. Commissioners asked questions about the graphic installation.

760 W Baseline (Storage Lockers) - Guiding Principles Outreach

Executive Director Keating introduced this item and shared the outreach feedback for the 760 W Baseline (Storage Lockers) Guiding Principles. In the summer of 2022, LURA developed guiding principles for a future procurement document. Before finalizing the principles, LURA conducted outreach via a Lafayette Listens survey to receive community feedback. She shared that community members provided feedback about traffic, parking, multi-modal infrastructure, and youth space. LURA then discussed concerns that respondents had about affordable housing on the site. Commissioners decided to keep the affordable housing guiding principle. As a next step, Executive Director Keating will finalize the guiding principles and begin working on the procurement document.

Discussion on the 2023 LURA Budget

Executive Director Keating presented the LURA-identified priorities and activities to help develop the 2023 budget. She shared that these priorities were developed from the Fall 2021 LURA retreat and featured small, medium, and large projects. Commissioners shared positive feedback on the identified priorities. Executive Director Keating said she will formally introduce the budget at the October 11, 2022 meeting.

Discussion on the Format for LURA Meetings

Executive Director Keating presented this item to revisit the current virtual format of LURA meetings and whether to consider in-person. She shared that as per the City Administration, Boards & Commissions may choose to stay virtual or meet in person due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She also shared the pros and cons of meeting virtually and opened it to the Board. Commissioners discussed these pros and cons. Commissioners requested that Executive Director Keating look if a hybrid meeting is an option and, if so, said they would be open to returning to in-person meetings. Commissioners agreed that a 6 pm start would work better for in-person. Executive Director Keating said she would provide an update at the next meeting.

V. UPDATES

Public Road Street Trees - Request for Proposals

Executive Director Keating shared an update that they did not receive any proposals for the Public Road street tree planter replacement project. She said she would reevaluate the project procurement strategy.

East Simpson Street Signage

Executive Director Keating shared that she is investigating a new sign to be placed on the East Simpson monument that will direct people to “more shops, sites, and services” on East Simpson Street.

Holiday Lights in Old Town

Executive Director Keating shared that LURA will be funding Holiday Lights in Old Town this winter in partnership with the City of Lafayette.

Façade Improvement Program

Executive Director Keating shared that the **façade** subcommittee awarded its first Façade Grant to 100 E Cleveland for window replacement.

LURA Transition Consultant RFQ

Executive Director Keating shared that the review committee had an excellent interview for the LURA Transition Consultant RFQ.

VI. NEW BUSINESS / STAFF AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Executive Director Keating shared that LURA’s economic development committee will provide funds for the Lafayette Fall Harvest Festival. The event intends to test out a farmer’s market type event.

Vice Chair Cutler shared comments and ideas about public outreach for LURA outside of meetings. Ideas included a district walk and meeting at a business at the end. Some of Vice Chair Cutler’s comments were cut off due to poor internet connection. Chair Muller and Commissioner Williams expressed interest in helping. Executive Director Keating said she would help organize the next steps.

VII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Muller moved that Commissioners Redondo and Rodgers can access the Executive Session recording. Commissioner Arrington seconded it. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Arrington moved to enter into Executive Session according to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e)(I), for determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators pertaining to 705 S Public Road. Commissioner Martin seconded it. All voted in favor.

Muller adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 7:34 PM.

LAFAYETTE URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY, COLORADO

ATTEST:

Kevin Muller, Chair

Brigid Keating, Executive Director

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.