

GRESHAM REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GRDCAC)
August 12, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

MEETING LOCATION

Remotely Meeting Due to Outbreak of COVID-19

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Christopher Bentley
Paul Drechsler
Ryan Johnson, Vice Chair
Amelia Salvador, Chair

COMMITTEE ABSENT: Dimitrios Zourkos

COMMISSION LIAISON PRESENT: Eddy Morales

STAFF PRESENT: Emily Bower, Gresham Redevelopment Commission Interim Executive Director
Cecille Turley, Recording Secretary

A. Call to Order

Chair Salvador called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. Announcements

None

2. Public Comment

None

4. MEETING MINUTES: July 8, 2020

Motion was made by **Mr. Bentley** and seconded by **Mr. Johnson** **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF July 8, 2020**

The motion passed as follows:

BENTLEY	YES	JOHNSON	YES
DRECHSLER	ABSENT	SALVADOR	YES
		ZOURKOS	ABSENT

4. Latino Network Purchase and Sale Agreement Update

Carmen Rubio and **David Martinez** of Latino Network presented the PowerPoint presentation (PowerPoint attached as Exhibit A) regarding the Latino Network Purchase and Sale Agreement.

GRDCAC Discussion

- **Chair Salvador** asked the rough location of the new Latino Network site.
 - **Ms. Rubio** said it is located on Stark Street, near the Elk's lodge, the Boys and Girls Club, and Open School East
 - **Chair Salvador** asked whether the facility would be open to community use.
 - **Ms. Rubio** said yes, we specifically designed this as a community space layout, so that it would be multi-purpose, multi-use, and designed to be accessible to the community in particular.
- **Mr. Bentley** said, this is beautiful and I love the design. I would imagine Covid has effected your timeline a bit, is that correct?
 - **Mr. Martinez** said, yes. The original plan was to close financing on the project in 2021 and complete construction in 2022. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the new timeline is to close financing in 2022, begin construction in 2023, and have the facility open in 2024.
 - **Mr. Bentley** said, to clarify, the project is about 18 months delayed?
 - **Mr. Martinez** said, yes, maximally.
- **Ms. Rubio** said, I just want to remind folks that we are already building out a program and serving the community. This new facility allows us to expand on the work we're already doing.
- **Ms. Bower** said, when the original property was beginning redevelopment, there was a real vision to see each new organization on the site really serve the community. Latino Network truly fits into that original vision with the work they're doing in Rockwood. Congratulations on all of the work you have been doing and all the work it took to get to this point.
- **Commissioner Morales** said, I just want to echo everyone on how beautiful the design is, and how open and inviting it is to community members. I just want to share Emily's confidence, and I know that when this is brought before the Commission, we will be supportive of it.

5. Downtown Rockwood Updates

Ms. Bower presented the PowerPoint presentation (PowerPoint attached as Exhibit B) regarding Downtown Rockwood updates.

GRDCAC Discussion

- **Mr. Bentley** said, thank you, Emily, for that update. With everything going on in the Urban Renewal Area, it would be helpful for me to get a regular update, even a spreadsheet, about the various goings-on in the neighborhood. This would help us to stay updated on the culture and development of the area even if we don't get to meet monthly
 - **Ms. Bower** said, to clarify, do you mean all development happening within the URA, or just the ones that the GRDC is involved in developing?
 - **Mr. Bentley** said, I was really thinking any new development in the URA, even ones that are already completed because they would provide helpful context. I would imagine you already have some of this as you consider the possibility of extending the district
 - **Ms. Bower** said, yes, that's a helpful suggestion. Right now, we are working with a consultant to compile that story of the work the GRDC has done since its inception, both in a project list and a financial analysis of how funding has been used. We could also talk about doing a small "cheat sheet" or one-pager about the projects we

currently have, not just Downtown Rockwood but Latino Network and the 2.2 acre site at the Sunrise Center.

- **Mr. Bentley** said, I think that would be really helpful. It could just be in a readily accessible Google doc so you don't have to produce something new each month, and it doesn't need to go into too much detail. Its just helpful to have a larger overview of what we're working on.
- **Ms. Bower** said, thank you for that. I think we can definitely provide that for the community, and we will check back in about this next meeting.

5. Good of the Order

B. Adjournment of Meeting

Hearing no further business, **Chair Salvador** adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

[S/AMELIA SALVADOR/S]

AMELIA SALVADOR,
CHAIR

Respectfully submitted,

[S/AMY EVANS/S]

Amy Evans
Recording Secretary