

# Minutes

## Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Mountain Home

### Special Meeting

Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 6:00 pm

Mountain Home Fire Department

220 S 2<sup>nd</sup> East

Mountain Home, ID 83647

The Mountain Home Urban Renewal Agency believes in public participation and for those that can't attend our meetings in person it has established the following alternative method of participation:

The meeting will be conducted through the use of Zoom. Persons who wish to provide comments on agenda items may do so by using the contact form on the Agency website and you will be given the Zoom link, ID, and password. This is the link to our website: <http://www.uramountainhome.com>. The Fire Department will be open for in person attendance.

**Call the meeting to order and establish a quorum.** Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Commissioner Randy Valley. Commissioners Alan Bermensolo, Skylar Jett, Hailey Owen, and Keith Yagues in attendance.

**Introduction of Guests.** URA Attorney Abbey Germaine, The Land Group/Christopher Hawkins and Hayden Draper, MH News Crystal Powell, MH City Councilmember Scott Harjo and Sam Harjo, Architect Dave Rudeen via Zoom.

**Discussion/Decision – Railroad Park Project. The Land Group and David Rudeen. ACTION ITEM:** The Land Group presented a Schematic Design Update for the Plaza @ RR Park. They took into account public input and would like to see this project be a year-round destination. Themes throughout the year will be important. There will be a central fountain and more natural shade. Restrooms will also be included. After reworking plans, they focused more on separation from Main Street. They are wanting there to be a flexible community gathering shelter. Trees planted by the gathering space, and a traditional play element and upscale water play. Please see below for rendering of the Plaza @ RR Park.

Discussions were had on project phasing depending on budget needs. Options would be to start parking lot construction and move to water play features and shelter. Possibly defer dry play and temporary ice rink. All agreed not to sacrifice quality to save a dollar. Discussion was had to plan this Plaza @ RR Park like the downtown project in three phases. Also the City would contract the construction and the URA would reimburse costs. If approved by Council, the best case scenario would be shovel in the ground within six months. All feel the best use of URA

funds is to finish downtown sidewalks and this project. The Commissioners feel that this whole project can be funded over time. As of now, discussion will be tabled until the Mayor gets approval from the Council.

The URA (through Abbey Germaine) makes a motion to move forward with continuing the design and construction drawings on the project withholding the decision of ultimate funds and move forward with concept with revisions and elements to be tweaked. Commissioner Jett seconded the motion. All vote AYE. Motion passes.

**Business from floor:** None

**Adjourn.** Commissioner Valley adjourns meeting at 7:18pm.

Next meeting will be held on February 20, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

R Valley  
Signed

Jan 24, 2024  
Date



# COMMUNITY PLAY

RAILROAD PARK EXPERIENCE

