

MINUTES

of a meeting of the Redlands Redevelopment Agency, held in the Council Chambers, Safety Hall, 212 Brookside Avenue, on January 4, 1972 at 3:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Jack B. Cummings, Chairman  
Charles G. DeMirjyn, Member  
Chresten M. Knudsen, Member  
Ellsworth E. Miller, Member

Ralph P. Merritt, Jr., City Manager  
Edward F. Taylor, City Attorney  
Peggy A. Moseley, Secretary  
Erwin S. Hein, Redlands Daily Facts  
Chuck Palmer, San Bernardino Sun

ABSENT

Sam S. Sewall, Member

Mayor Cummings opened the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency, and welcomed the downtown merchants, property owners and other interested citizens present in the audience.

City Manager Merritt summarized the directive to the staff, stated that six proposals for feasibility studies had been received, and that the most applicable to the needs of the City of Redlands was the one submitted by the American Appraisal Company, Inc., of Los Angeles. He added that this study would require sixty days and would cost \$7,500. This amount is to be paid by the City as billed during the study.

Mr. Merritt introduced Mr. Alan A. Rutter, Vice President of the American Appraisal Company, and Mr. Richard W. Harris, District Manager.

Mr. Rutter addressed the Agency and audience, expressing appreciation for the opportunity to serve, and briefly outlined his firm's history and capabilities.

Favorable reactions were expressed by Planning Director Schindler, City Attorney Taylor, and each of the Agency members present.

There were general comments from the floor.

The Council then discussed the area to be included in the study. Mr. Clifford Farrar reported that the Downtown Redlands Association was preparing a presentation containing fourteen specific proposals, the first recommendation to be study of the four blocks of West State Street. Mr. Creatura added that these fourteen proposals encompassed a projected time of nine years.

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Former Mayor Waldo Burroughs reported that he had been heading an unofficial group of businessmen and property owners studying redevelopment, and volunteered the members to work on committees.

Dick Bradford stated that the area proposed by DRA had not gone before the Chamber of Commerce, but that it appeared to be identical with that under consideration by the Chamber.

Councilman Knudsen remarked on the agreement upon the initial starting point for the study.

City Manager Merritt suggested the possibility that the DRA would be interested in taking a financial part in the study. Mr. Farrar agreed to convey this to the Board and return with an answer.

On motion of Dr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Knudsen, approval was given to acceptance of the American Appraisal Company proposal, with recommendation to request authorization of funding by the Council from Unbudgeted Surplus.

In the discussion which followed the motion, City Manager Merritt stated that in the event the study proved the project to be impractical or economically unfeasible, the American Appraisal Company would terminate the study and bill the City to that date.

The motion was carried by AYE votes of all present.

On motion of Dr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Knudsen, the focal point of the general area for study was designated to be the West State Street area. Motion carried by AYE votes of all present.

Mayor Cummings stated that Mr. Sewall was unable to attend this meeting due to severe back pain which confines him to bed.

Mayor Cummings thanked those present for their attendance today, their help in the past, and their future support.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
Secretary

  
Chairman of the Redevelopment  
Agency

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