



URAC Meeting Summary April 22, 2021
Zoom Community Auditorium

Minutes are unofficial until approved by the CFC.

1. **Called to Order:** Chair Trostle called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. (no quorum present).

Present: Chair Kelsey Trostle, Mark Nakajima, Council Liaison Donna Gustafson
Absent: Maribel De Leon, Rod Fuiten, Hattie Krebsbach, Robert Moats, Charlene Murdock
Staff: Paul Downey, Bryan Pohl, Dan Riordan
Invited Guests: Alex Dupey (MIG Consultants), Melissa Erickson (MIG Consultants)
2. **Public Comment:** No public present
3. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a) *Approve B/C Meeting Minutes of January 29, 2021:* No quorum was present so approval of the January 29, 2021 meeting minutes were deferred to June 24th.
4. **Additions/Deletions:** No additions or deletions.
5. **Discussion/Decision/Presentation Items:**
 - a) **Festival Street and Downtown Streetscape Update:** Bryan introduced Alex Dupey and Melissa Erickson with MIG Consultants. Alex provided an overview of the project and general design concepts. Alex noted MIG will prepare cost estimates for after design considerations are narrowed. Possible designs include a two-way traffic option with parallel parking, one-way option with diagonal parking between College Way and the alley leading to the large public parking lot, and one way option with parallel parking. The current street has 41 on-street parking spaces. The two way festival street option includes 37 on-street parking spaces. The one-way option with diagonal parking includes 33 on-street parking spaces. Alex noted the City has conducted a parking study for the downtown area that suggests there is adequate parking downtown during most times but parking management could be improved.

The Commission discussed potential phasing of the festival street project due to funding availability and potential impacts to businesses. Support was expressed for “going big” with the design. The need for kid spaces was suggested. Some concern was expressed about parking accessibility for businesses especially for families.

- b) Site B Redevelopment Update: Paul Downey updated the Commission on the status of the Site B redevelopment project. Paul noted that the development team has new investors and more housing units are needed to improve financial feasibility. Paul noted that due to team and project design changes the developer was requested an extension to the Exclusive Negotiating Agreement (ENA) between the Urban Renewal Agency and the developer. Paul stated the ENA allows for a one time, six-month time extension.
 - c) Downtown Installation Public Art Project: Bryan Pohl updated the downtown installation public art project. Bryan noted the banner poles have gone up on Pacific Avenue near the Edward Jones building. Bryan also noted the call for art for the rotating outdoor public art has gone out. Bryan stated the bases for the art or plinths will be installed in five locations downtown. In addition Bryan informed the Commission that the Public Arts Commission is working to promote mural downtown.
- 6. **Agency Board Liaison Report:** Board Director Gustafson briefly updated the URAC on the last City Council meeting.
 - 7. **Staff Liaison Report:** None
 - 8. **Commissioner Communications:** None
 - 9. **Adjournment and Announcement of Next Meeting:** Meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled on June 24, 2021.