City of Dallas
Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee
Council Chambers – City Hall
January 4, 2011 - 5:30 p.m.

Present: Chair/Mayor Brian Dalton, Jim Fairchild, Nancy Adams, Craig Pope, Randy Hunter, Chelsea Pope, Sue Rohde and Wes Scroggin

Absent: Penny Cox and Ken Jacroux

Staff: Community Development Director Jason Locke and Recording Secretary Kris Pierce

Others: Joe Koubek and Rich Long

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Brian Dalton opened the meeting at 5:31 p.m. with individual introductions and a brief description of the Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee for committee members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After calling for any changes and hearing none, Chair Brian Dalton declared the minutes of November 2, 2010 approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Update on FY 2011 projects

Jason Locke reviewed the list of projects the committee completed the previous year. Chair Dalton passed around pictures of the street furniture produced for the City of Dallas by EVCOR, a local company. Chair Dalton and Commissioner Pope stated that it was a real positive situation to be using a local company and expressed their satisfaction with the workmanship.

Mr. Locke stated he would set up a meeting with Bill White from Pacific Power and other local utilities regarding proposals for the banner support poles on Main Street. Painting of the light poles down town is being negotiated with public works so as to not use Urban Renewal funds for this project. Committee member Adams requested that this item be fast tracked.

In regards to the streetscape project (south side of Court Street on the west side of Main), Mr. Locke explained that due to the condition of the utilities, access, concrete, sidewalk and street, the proposal

would entail extending out the sidewalk by approximately five feet. Mr. Locke indicated that an opportunity to incorporate street lighting and hanging plants into this streetscape had presented itself and asked the committee for some feedback. The consensus of the committee members was to include those items.

Committee member Scroggin asked if the streetscape design would be similar on all downtown areas and if this proposed streetscape would be obtainable on other streets. Mr. Locke and Ms. Adams reiterated the project design would be consistent or similar from block to block when possible.

Commissioner Pope and Chair Dalton recommended that staff revisit the idea of no concrete under the p2avers and/or pervious pavement and incorporate these into the proposed design. Committee member Scroggin recommended searching for additional grants for the Court/ Main Street project.

Committee member Koubek asked how the weeds, if any, in the pavers currently in place are being handled. Mr. Locke reported that store owners have handled cleaning the pavers and there were no reported weed problems over the last year.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Dalton requested a recommendation for the Urban Renewal Advisory Board appoint David Shein to the Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee with the hope that he would serve as Chair of the Committee. Committee member Adams seconded the recommendation.

STAFF COMMENTS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Locke reported that two line of credit proposals were received from financial institutions and a recommendation will be forwarded to the Urban Renewal Agency Board for consideration.

The meeting adjourned from City Hall at 6:17 p.m.