

Post Falls Urban Renewal News

Board Chairman Nancy Mabile Resigns

The Agency Board of Commissioners met on Thursday the 17th of September. It was with regret that the resignation of Nancy Mabile for personal reasons was accepted. Nancy has been with the Urban Renewal Agency since February 2006 and was elected its Chairman in August, 2008. She continues working as the Economic Development Planner for Panhandle Area Council in Hayden, ID. Nancy's expertise and guidance will be greatly missed.

As a result of Nancy Mabile's resignation, elections were held for a new Chairman. Bobbi Rollins, previously Vice-Chairman, was elected Chairman and Peter Smith was elected Vice-Chairman. Rollins is the former owner of Sterling Codifiers and Smith is a practicing attorney with Lukins & Annis law firm in Coeur d'Alene.

Urban Renewal Agency to Fund City Center Projects

The Agency has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City whereby the Agency will fund several public infrastructure improvement projects. The first is curb, gutter, sidewalk, repaving and lighting from Railroad Avenue to Fourth Avenue on both Fredrick Street and William Street for an estimated cost of \$607,000.

Additionally, the Centennial Trail Parking Lot at Fourth Avenue west of Spokane Street will see paving and lighting. The improvements shall consist of curbing, paving, drainage, landscaping, lighting and signage. This project will greatly enhance the public's parking and use of the Centennial Trail from that location. The estimated costs for that project are \$125,000, not including additional costs of a security camera system that is under discussion.

The Agency and City agree that this work is important to the revitalization of the City Center area and the circulation of traffic within that area.

New Chamber of Commerce Building

The Agency has approved funding in the amount of \$36,000 to the Post Falls Chamber of Commerce for a public patio area fronting Fourth Avenue at the entry area of the new Chamber building. The Agency is happy to have the opportunity to assist the Chamber's efforts toward improvement in the Post Falls City Center District.