



Ketchum Urban Renewal Agency

480 East Avenue North  
Ketchum, ID 83340  
<http://ketchumura.org/>

Regular Meeting

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Monday, May 18, 2020

2:00 PM

Ketchum City Hall

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Susan Scovell called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT - All present by video conference

Commissioner Amanda Breen

Commissioner Casey Dove

Commissioner Ed Johnson

Commissioner Carson Palmer

Commissioner Susan Scovell

Commissioner Jim Slanetz

Commissioner Kristen Spachman

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Executive Director Suzanne Frick

Attorney Ryan Armbruster – present by video conference

Treasurer Grant Gager

**CONSENT CALENDAR: (ALL ACTION ITEMS)**

1. Approval of Minutes: April 20, 2020 regular meeting

**Motion to approve minutes.**

***Motion made by Commissioner Palmer, Seconded by Commissioner Dove.***

***Voting Yea: Commissioner Breen, Commissioner Dove, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Palmer, Commissioner Scovell, Commissioner Slanetz, Commissioner Spachman***

2. Approval of current bills: see packet

Commissioner Ed Johnson questioned the \$80,000 payment to the Aspen Ski Company. Treasurer Grant Gager explained the 50% reimbursement of taxes paid and gave history of what was paid last year. He talked about the increase of valuation to the property and what will be paid this year.

## **Motion to approve bills**

***Motion made by Commissioner Spachman, Seconded by Commissioner Johnston.***

***Voting Yea: Commissioner Breen, Commissioner Dove, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Palmer, Commissioner Scovell, Commissioner Slanetz, Commissioner Spachman***

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

No communication from the Board.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. ACTION ITEM: Discussion and Action on Proposal by Vice-Chair Ed Johnson to implement public improvement projects within the City of Ketchum

Vice Chair Ed Johnson talked about funds benefiting the community. The best way we can do this is to get projects done this summer. Commissioner Johnson talked about the 4th street idea and Suzanne Frick explained that 4th street was originally part of the downtown master plan and was supposed to be known as Heritage Corridor. The street was narrowed, sidewalks were widened and there is artwork. The work was done from Walnut to Washington. There was discussion about going further west. As part of the library remodel we went from Walnut to Spruce. It started out as an original plan for the downtown and funded primarily by the KURA with donations and funding from the City. Ed Johnson said the KURA does not have the authority to close 4th Street, however, they could step up if Council approves the plan.

Commissioner Kristen Spachman asked if this will be a temporary or permanent closure? Commissioner Amanda Breen explained it has not been decided and will be discussed at the council meeting.

Executive Director Suzanne Frick went thru the list of suggested projects:

- To repair the 4th St. pavers from Walnut to Washington, which is done annually, and costs approximately \$30,000 each year. The pavers that were installed are not holding up and ongoing maintenance is required.
- Replace pavers in alley behind Town Square with colored asphalt or stamped concrete. Pavers are not holding up well with snow removal. Street Department is requesting they be replaced with other material.
- Replace pavers and install snowmelt in Town Square. It takes a lot of money and personnel to remove snow. This would help eliminate ongoing cost.
- Install and improve ADA curbs in Ketchum. We have several curb ramps, and most are not ADA complaint. This is a project that a local contractor can take on.
- The Traffic Authority has discussed converting the pedestrian light at 4th Street to a HAWK system (High-Intensity Activated Cross Walk). ITD manages and owns the light at Main Street and would prefer this new system that functions more like a signal that controls traffic and is better and safer. If that is installed, we would be able to put in a scramble crosswalk.
- Way Fare signage.
- Closure of 4th street for pedestrian and bicycle access.
- Bike Infrastructure that would include education and Idaho Stop.

Executive Director Suzanne Frick explained that more input and suggestions are welcome.

Chair Susan Scovell had questions about start times. Suzanne Frick said repair work could start at any time. Replacing pavers behind town square would require some engineering but not much. Replacing pavers and installing snow melt would need design work. ADA would be easy, there is a spec in place. Pedestrian activated light could take longer with ITD and design work. Way Fare signage would need a little work. Bike infrastructure would not require design work.

Commissioner Amanda Breen talked about snow melt being the most difficult. Commissioner Ed Johnson agrees and said that snow melt is misunderstood. He questioned price tags on these suggestions. Prioritizing projects was discussed. Commissioner Carson Palmer talked about Town Square and just coming out of COVID19. He suggested that we may need more outside gathering spaces. There was a discussion on what will be important this winter and the unknown future.

Commissioner Kristen Spachman is in favor of closing 4th St. corridor as well as the ADA Curbs.

Commissioner Ed Johnson does not have much of an issue with the pavers. He is in favor of putting snow melt in Town Square, 4th Street closure and signage.

Commissioner Jim Slanetz likes the ADA Ramps. He is in favor of replacing pavers on 4th Street and likes the idea of Town Square but does not think tearing it up in the summer for the winter is a great idea. Commissioner Slanetz is in favor of closing 4th Street but is unsure of costs.

Commissioner Amanda Breen likes the idea of looking at the light on Main, then ADA curbs throughout. She likes the Town Square idea but is unsure of cost and does not want it torn up in the summer. Commissioner Breen is for concrete but is unsure of cost. She agrees on signage but is a low priority for her. Vice Chair Ed Johnson agrees with Commissioner Breen on the intersection.

Commissioner Casey Dove agrees with Commissioner Amanda Breen on the intersection. The Paver project seems like a reachable goal.

Commissioner Carson Palmer's priority would be ADA Curbs. Signage would be his lowest priority. Activated lights would be his 2nd priority.

Commissioner Jim Slanetz questioned if ITD would match funds. Executive Director Suzanne Frick said to change out the light would be a city cost, but ITD would take care of light at Sun Valley Rd and Main St. Commissioner Amanda Breen questioned the cost of the HAWK System. Suzanne Frick said \$75,000 and ITD is excited about the light and would move this expeditiously through the process. Ed Johnson questioned local company participation. Suzanne Frick said it would be easy for local contractors to participate in these projects if they have the interest or the time

Chair Susan Scovell summarized the commissioner's thoughts saying their priority would be, ADA access, Pedestrian light and then, replace pavers with concrete.

Attorney Ryan Armbruster suggested that the Board put dollar amounts with each project. Commissioner Ed Johnson suggested \$75,00 HAWK, \$150,000 for ADA Curbs, \$25,000 for closure of 4<sup>th</sup> and the balance to replacing pavers with concrete that looks like pavers.

Executive Director Suzanne Frick advised that cost estimates will be coming forth.

**Motion to fund the HOC signal system \$75,000 ADA curb \$100,000, \$25,000 for 4th street closure and the balance for concrete to replace pavers.**

***Motion made by Commissioner Scovell, Seconded by Commissioner Breen.***

***Voting Yea: Commissioner Breen, Commissioner Dove, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Palmer, Commissioner Scovell, Commissioner Slanetz, Commissioner Spachman***

**ADJOURNMENT**


**Motion to adjourn at 2:56 p.m.**

***Motion made by Commissioner Breen, Seconded by Commissioner Scovell.***

***Voting Yea: Commissioner Breen, Commissioner Dove, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Palmer, Commissioner Scovell, Commissioner Slanetz, Commissioner Spachman***

  
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Susan Scovell, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Robin Crotty, Secretary