

A regular meeting of the Astoria Development Commission was held at the above place at the hour of 8:33 pm.

Commissioners Present: Price, Jones, Brownson, Nemlowill, Mayor LaMear

Commissioners Excused: None

Staff Present: City Manager Estes, Interim Parks and Recreation Director Dart-McLean, Finance Director Brooks, Library Director Pearson, Interim Fire Chief Curtis, Police Chief Spalding, Public Works Director Harrington, and City Attorney Henningsgaard. The meeting is recorded and will be transcribed by ABC Transcription Services, Inc.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: No changes.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

The following items were presented on the Consent Calendar:

4(a) ADC Minutes of 8/20/18

Commission Action: Motion by Commissioner Brownson, seconded by Commissioner Nemlowill, to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Commissioners Jones, Nemlowill, Brownson and Price, and Mayor LaMear. Nays: None.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

Item 5(a): Helping Hands Façade Improvement Grant

The Astoria Development Commission established the Storefront Improvement Program in 2016 to stimulate restoration and improvement of buildings in the Astoria West Urban Renewal District (AWURD), particularly along Marine Drive and the Uniontown Alameda Historic District.

The Uniontown Apartments, a historic building of significance in the district, was recently sold by the Housing Authority to Helping Hands to be used as a Reentry Outreach Center for housing and rehabilitating the homeless. The organization, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, operates similar facilities in Seaside, Tillamook and other communities. Helping Hands has been renovating both the interior and the exterior of the building with the intention of opening to clients in the next few months. The most extensive exterior restoration is the replacement of siding and windows on the west façade of the building, which was badly deteriorated. The work has involved installation of new horizontal cedar siding and windows that replicate the originals.

It is staff's opinion that the bid that was accepted (Russell Construction) is competitive and the work currently underway is sound. The requested amount of \$12,363 is an important investment in the restoration and revitalization of this important structure which contributes to the Astor West District. A façade easement would be recorded to ensure that the work funded by and ADC remains in place.

It is recommended that the Astoria Development Commission approve the grant request of \$12,363 for the Uniontown Apartments.

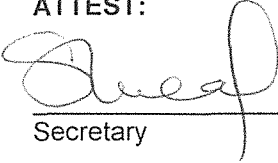
Councilor Brownson said he understood that the restoration work would be done on street frontage, but this request would fund work on the sides and back of the building. He believed the idea was to improve the visual impact along Marine Drive. City Manager Estes said more than \$12,000 of work would be done on the west side of the building, which is very visible from Marine Drive. Staff believed the request was appropriate because of the visibility of the structure. It is a tall building and is very visible when heading east on Highway 30. There is no specific requirement that the work must be done on the façade facing the roadway.

Commission Action: Motion by Commissioner Brownson, seconded by Commissioner Nemlowill, to approve the Helping Hands Façade Improvement Grant request of \$12,363 for the Uniontown Apartments. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Commissioners Jones, Nemlowill, Brownson and Price, and Mayor LaMear. Nays: None.

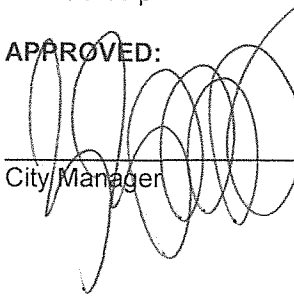
ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm.

ATTEST:


Secretary

APPROVED:


City Manager