



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL
November 4, 2020 — 6:00 p.m.**

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call at 6:02 p.m.

Members Present:	Members Absent:
Chair Ayers-Flood Member Dolan Member Clark Member Harrison Member Berlant	Member Ponomareff Member Land
Also Present:	
Jon Legarza, Executive Director	

2. Speakers Heard on Non-Agenda Items

None.

3. Consent Agenda

None.

4. Regular Agenda

4.1 Approval of Grant Funds from People’s Bank of Commerce for Soft Costs Associated with the Transitional Shelter Project on the Gateway Site

Staff Report – Executive Director

Legarza stated that staff was notified of success regarding funding for the Gateway Site transitional shelter project soft costs total \$38,500.

Discussion:

- Member Dolan thanked Legarza for securing the grant funding, and asked Legarza to convey the gratitude to employees.
- Chair Ayers-Flood stated that she believes the whole Board echoes the gratitude.

Motion: Member Dolan moves to approve the acceptance of grant funds in the total amount of \$38,500 provided by the employees of the People’s Bank of Commerce for Soft Costs associated with the Transitional Shelter Project on the Gateway Site. Clark seconded.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes; motion carries.

4.2 Gateway Site, Transitional Shelter Project, Pathways and Progress Presentation

Staff Report – Executive Director

Legarza discussed Asante's project in Medford. Legarza then updated the Board on the topographic survey competition on the Gateway Site. Legarza also updated the Board on the boundary map and survey on the Gateway Site. Legarza provided a quick update on the transitional plan, noting the relocation of the Business Recovery site. Legarza pointed out the future parcel adjustments that could be used for permanent housing. Legarza discussed the Small Project NOFA that the state will release in the future.

Nancy Buono | Talent, Oregon Resident

Nancy stated that there is a great need for transparency for the Gateway Site, and that to her knowledge the public has not been yet consulted on the project. Buono stated items number 8 and 9 in her letter previously circulated with the Board require additional clarification. For question number eight, wanted to know how the Gateway for transitional housing fits into the scope of the Agency. Buono also wanted to address question number nine, discussing the priorities, of the City and the Agency. Buono also stated that FEMA might have more capacity than the local government in achieving the housing needs.

Discussion:

- Chair Ayers-Flood asked if Legarza had a response.
 - Legarza stated that he works at the direction of the Board on these issues.
- Member Dolan inquired if there was a possibility to recover funds or financing on the Site.
 - Legarza stated that staff can come back with partners and financing examples for the Board to consider.

Motion: Member Dolan moves to approve staff to continue completing due-diligence regarding the transitional shelter project located on the Gateway Site, and approve staff to commence soft-cost contracting work, which would be funded from grant money, once a clear permitting path on the project presents. Clark seconded

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes; motion carries.

5. Items from Executive Director

Legarza mentioned that the staff was preparing contracts, awaiting soils work, coordinating with a land use attorney, and identifying funding opportunities for the site.

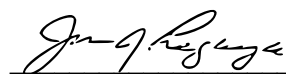
- Chair-Ayers Flood stated that she wants to share and receive additional feedback from the community the long-term implications of this work
 - Legarza stated the agreed. Legarza stated that he could have staff present the long-range plan to the community.

6. Items from Chair or Agency Members

None.

7. Adjournment at 6:29 PM

Respectfully submitted by:



Jon Legarza, Executive Director

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