

# AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

## URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY

ITEM NUMBER: 4

DATE: February 21, 2006

STAFF: Greg Byrne

### SUBJECT

Resolution No. 003 of the Fort Collins Urban Renewal Authority Appointing an Ad Hoc Committee to Make Recommendations to the URA Board of Commissioners Regarding Implementation of the North College Avenue Urban Renewal Plan.

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 1982, the City Council created the Fort Collins Urban Renewal Authority (URA) and appointed its own members to serve as the Board of Commissioners of the Authority. There are a number of issues that have arisen during the start-up phase of the Authority and with the North College Urban Renewal Plan in particular, that needs Board attention and direction. In the past, the Council has used ad hoc committees composed of members of Council as one means to provide early guidance to staff and to "screen" issues that may eventually come before the full Council. Staff believes that this approach has merit for the URA as well, and will save time and resources, for the Board, City staff, and the public. The resolution establishes the Committee, appoints Councilmembers, and describes the duties and functions of the committee.

### BACKGROUND

In 1982, the City Council created the Fort Collins Urban Renewal Authority (URA) and appointed its own members to serve as the Board of Commissioners of the Authority. The boundaries of the URA are coterminous with the boundaries of the City of Fort Collins. The URA lay dormant until December 21, 2004, when the Council adopted an Urban Renewal Plan for the North College area. A citizen advisory group (CAG) was also formed in 2004 to provide advice to the Board regarding significant URA matters in the North College area.

There are a number of issues that have arisen during the start-up phase of the Urban Renewal Authority and North College Urban Renewal Plan that will require decision and direction from the Board of Commissioners regarding the most effective ways in which the Authority can collaborate with the City, the private sector and other public entities to fully effectuate the purposes of the Authority and implement the North College Urban Renewal Plan. Specific topics that the committee will be asked to address include:

- the terms and conditions of an intergovernmental between the City and the URA
- funding alternatives
- policies and procedures for reviewing applications for tax increment financing
- the kinds of projects that will best advance the interests of the Authority and the goals and objections of the Plan.

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The number of needed meetings is unknown. Staff expects that the Committee would start meeting as soon as practical, and conduct its business within ninety days thereafter.

The Committee's responsibilities would be to work with Authority staff and Citizen Advisory Committee on the above described matters that could eventually come before the Board. The Committee would seek also seek guidance, as needed, from members of the public, affected public agencies, etc.

RESOLUTION NO. 003  
OF THE FORT COLLINS URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY  
APPOINTING AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS  
TO THE URA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION  
OF THE NORTH COLLEGE AVENUE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN

WHEREAS, on January 5, 1982, the Fort Collins City Council (the "Council") created the Fort Collins Urban Renewal Authority (the "Authority") and appointed its own members to serve as the Board of Commissioners of the Authority (the "Board"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Authority is to eliminate blight and prevent the spread of blight within the urban renewal area, the boundaries of which are coterminous with the boundaries of the City of Fort Collins (the "City"); and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2004, the Council adopted Resolution 2004-076, directing City staff to prepare an urban renewal plan and blight study for the North College Avenue Corridor; and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2004, the Council adopted Resolution 2004-151, approving an "existing conditions" study for the North College Avenue area and determining that the area defined in said resolution (the "Plan Area") is appropriate, under the relevant provisions of the Colorado Revised Statutes, for inclusion in an urban renewal project (the "North College URA Project"); and

WHEREAS, on that same date, the Council also adopted Resolution 2004-152, approving an Urban Renewal Plan (the "Plan") for the North College URA Project; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2006, the Board adopted Resolution 2006-002, approving a 2006 budget for the Authority, and also met in a work session to discuss various options for funding that budget; and

WHEREAS, in formulating the Plan, City staff has worked closely with the North College Avenue Citizen's Advisory Group (the "CAG"), and the CAG continues to assist the Authority in an advisory capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes it to be in the best interests of the Authority and the City to form an ad hoc committee, consisting of members of the Authority, to work with City staff members and members of the CAG in formulating recommendations to the Board with regard to the Board's exercise of its statutory powers as an urban renewal authority and, in particular, with regard to the implementation of the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE FORT COLLINS URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY as follows:

Section 1. The Board hereby establishes an ad hoc committee (the "Committee"), consisting of Councilmembers \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

Section 2. That the purpose of the Committee shall be to consult with members of the CAG and such members of staff as may be designated by the City Manager and the City Attorney and to formulate recommendations to the Board regarding the most effective ways in which the Authority can collaborate with the City, the private sector, and other public entities to fully effectuate the purposes of the Authority and implement the Plan.

Section 3. That the Committee's recommendations shall include, but need not be limited to the following topics:

- a. the appropriate terms and conditions of an intergovernmental agreement between the Authority and the City;
- b. funding alternatives for the Authority;
- c. policies and procedures for reviewing applications from private parties for financial assistance from the Authority; and
- d. the kinds of projects that will best advance the interests of the Authority and the goals and objections of the Plan.

Section 4. That the report and recommendations of the Committee shall be submitted to the Board within ninety days of the date of this Resolution, at which time the Committee shall be dissolved, absent an extension of its term by the Board.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fort Collins Urban Renewal Authority this 21st day of February, A.D. 2006.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk