



**GREELEY URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY  
Proceedings**

**February 12, 2020  
1001 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

**City Council Chambers, Overflow Room, City Center South**

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Prior to the meeting being called to order Jessica Diagana, Assistant City Clerk, inducted Chris Leffler to the Greeley Urban Renewal Authority.

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Cummins called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Commissioners Costigan, Haas, Leffler and Welsh were present. (Two vacancies exist.)

**II. Approval of minutes for the meeting held on December 11, 2019**

Commissioner Costigan made a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting held on December 11, 2019 as written. Commissioner Welsh seconded the motion; the motion carried 5-0. (Two vacancies exist.)

**III. Items of Business**

**Consideration of an Update to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Greeley and the Greeley Urban Renewal Authority**

Becky Safarik, Assistant City Manager presented an Update to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Greeley and the Greeley Urban Renewal Authority.

The City of Greeley established the Greeley Urban Renewal Authority in 1969 to assist in the application and use of federal housing funds and to carry out certain urban renewal activities in conformance with Colorado Revised Statutes.

State law considers urban renewal authorities to be political subdivisions of the State with defined purpose and authority that complements but that is distinct from municipal corporations. Local governments have the ability to create urban renewal authorities, which can be the elected body or can be comprised of individuals appointed by the mayor with the consent of the city council.

The City of Greeley established its urban renewal authority to take advantage of certain federal funds that were available to authorities to assist with housing and community redevelopment. It was also a time when suburban malls were coming into being in competition with downtowns; urban renewal agencies could use their powers and funding to support the viability and renewal of older central business districts.

To define the shared relationship that would implement various redevelopment objectives and activities in Greeley, the City and Greeley Urban Renewal Authority entered into a Cooperation Agreement. This Agreement describes GURA's role as an agent for the City in the application and use of federal housing and community development funds and the City's support for that work. The Agreement also acknowledged that the Authority could engage in separate urban renewal activities in accordance with State law.

Since that time, amendments and updates to that Cooperation Agreement have occurred and the City and the Authority have entered into numerous additional Cooperation Agreements for a number of cooperative urban renewal projects. In all, there have been 18 such agreements.

The Authority has managed the City's federal Community Development Block Grant funds and HOME dollars, which have been used to support affordable and specialized housing projects, public facilities and activities, infrastructure and neighborhood improvements, to name a few areas. In recent years, the City has received an average of \$1.2M annually for such work.

Commissioner Costigan made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Greeley and the Greeley Urban Renewal Authority. Commissioner Haas seconded the motion; the motion carried 5-0 (Two vacancies exist.)

**IV. Board Member Comments/Reports**

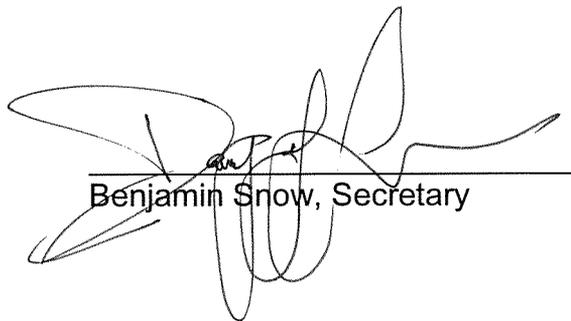
Ms. Safarik and Benjamin Snow, Director of Economic Health & Housing, answered questions reported on various projects in the City.

**V. Staff Report**

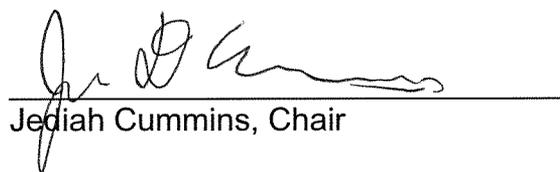
None

**VI. Adjournment**

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.



Benjamin Snow, Secretary



Jediah Cummins, Chair