

**URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF FOREST GROVE**

**URA RESOLUTION NO. 2019-01**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY  
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

**WHEREAS**, the Urban Renewal Agency (URA) Board of Directors adopted the URA Plan in 2014 pursuant to URA Resolution No. 2014-01; and

**WHEREAS**, the URA Plan established five Goals and 13 Objectives; and

**WHEREAS**, there are no proposed changes to the Goals and Objectives therefore passage of this Resolution will not also require an amendment to the URA Plan, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors met in Work Session on February 25, 2019, and came to a consensus to develop a Work Plan to inform the budget process and implement the URA Goals and Objectives, and

**WHEREAS**, Exhibit A displays the unchanged Goals and Objectives and the new Work Plan, and

**WHEREAS**, the Work Plan requires approval by Resolution of the Board of Directors, and

**WHEREAS**, Exhibit A displays the Goals, Objectives and Work Plan clearly and transparently in one document for easy referral.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY  
AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The Urban Renewal Agency hereby adopts its Goals and Objectives as shown in Exhibit A.

**Section 2.** This resolution is effective immediately upon its enactment by the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Forest Grove.

**PRESENTED AND PASSED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

  
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Jesse VanderZanden,  
Urban Renewal Agency Executive Director

**APPROVED** by the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Forest Grove at a regular meeting thereof this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019, and filed with the Forest Grove City Recorder this date.

  
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Peter B. Truax,  
Urban Renewal Agency Chair

# URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES  
ADOPTED 2014

## GOAL 1



Provide Opportunities  
For Public Participation  
in the Preparation and  
Adoption of Urban  
Renewal Plans, Plan  
Amendments, and  
Policies

## GOAL 2



Adopt a Prudent  
Annual Budget to  
Minimize Financial  
Risk to the Urban  
Renewal Agency and  
the City of Forest  
Grove

## GOAL 3



Improve the Local  
Investment Climate by  
Reducing Financial  
Barriers to Development  
and Redevelopment  
Within the Urban  
Renewal Area

## GOAL 4



Promote a Vibrant  
Forest Grove Town  
Center Through  
Strategic Urban  
Renewal  
Investments

## GOAL 5



Promote Commercial  
and Mixed-Use  
Redevelopment of Sites  
Along the Pacific  
Avenue Corridor

URA

Forest Grove  
Urban Renewal Agency



# WORK PLAN 2019

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## GOAL 1 – PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE PREPARATION AND ADOPTION OF URBAN RENEWAL PLANS, PLAN AMENDMENTS, AND POLICIES

### OBJECTIVE

### ACTION

1.1 Establish an Urban Renewal Advisory Committee.

Develop bylaws and form URAC.  
Consider disposition alternatives for Site B.

## GOAL 2 – ADOPT A PRUDENT ANNUAL BUDGET TO MINIMIZE FINANCIAL RISK TO THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY AND THE CITY OF FOREST GROVE

### OBJECTIVE

### ACTION

2.1 Establish policies to guide strategic financial investments in the urban renewal area based on public benefit, documented financial need, scale of the project, and accepted underwriting principles.

Amend URA plan to implement Town Center Program.

2.2 Evaluate tax increment revenue collections annually to minimize long term impacts to overlapping taxing districts.

Part of annual budget process.

2.3 Secure grant funding from regional, state, federal agencies, and private organizations to implement the urban renewal program and supplement tax increment revenue.

Pursue matching grants for Town Center Program.

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## GOAL 3 – IMPROVE THE LOCAL INVESTMENT CLIMATE BY REDUCING FINANCIAL BARRIERS TO DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE URBAN RENEWAL AREA

### OBJECTIVE

### ACTION

- 3.1 Capitalize a program to reduce development costs to the extent necessary to encourage private investment for projects proving a public benefit and resulting in appreciation of property values and efficient use of vacant and underutilized land.

## GOAL 4 – PROMOTE A VIBRANT FOREST GROVE TOWN CENTER THROUGH STRATEGIC URBAN RENEWAL INVESTMENTS

### OBJECTIVE

### ACTION

4.1 Establish a program to encourage the preservation, conservation, and adaptive reuse of designated and contributing historic resources through improvements to the exterior and interior of buildings.

Continue storefront improvement grant program.

4.2 In conjunction with the Economic Development Commission, assist business retention and expansion efforts in the Forest Grove Town Center.

4.3 Identify a location and assist with funding construction of a public gathering place in the Town Center.

Initiate festival street alternatives analysis and concept design.

## GOAL 4 – PROMOTE A VIBRANT FOREST GROVE TOWN CENTER THROUGH STRATEGIC URBAN RENEWAL INVESTMENTS

### OBJECTIVE

### ACTION

4.4 Purchase property from willing sellers to implement the urban renewal program.

4.5 Encourage the construction of needed housing and mixed use development in the Town Center.

4.6 Encourage uses and amenities that support increased community uses in the Town Center.

Develop URA downtown installation art program.  
Develop and implement Parklet Pilot Program (I Parklet).

## GOAL 5 – PROMOTE COMMERCIAL AND MIXED-USE REDEVELOPMENT OF SITES ALONG THE PACIFIC AVENUE CORRIDOR

### OBJECTIVE

### ACTION

5.1 Establish incentives to encourage a mixture of land uses including retail, office, and housing at strategic locations along the Pacific Avenue corridor through the creation of nodal development.

5.2 Work with the Economic Development Commission to market redevelopment opportunity sites to prospective developers.



<i>CITY RECORDER USE ONLY:</i>	
AGENDA ITEM #:	<u>6.</u>
MEETING DATE:	<u>04/08/2019</u>
FINAL ACTION:	<u>URA RESO 2019-01</u>

**URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY STAFF REPORT**

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**TO:** *Urban Renewal Agency Board of Directors*

**FROM:** *Jesse VanderZanden, Executive Director*

**MEETING DATE:** *April 8, 2019*

**SUBJECT TITLE:** *Urban Renewal Agency Goals & Objectives*

<b>ACTION REQUESTED:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Order	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Informational
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*X all that apply*

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**BACKGROUND:**

The URA Board of Directors passed the URA Plan (Plan) in 2014. The primary purpose of the Plan is to eliminate blight and blighting influences, improve the utilization of land within the Urban Renewal Area, encourage private investment and job creation, and increase the taxable value of property within the City benefitting all overlapping taxing districts. The Plan is designed to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and zoning and development regulations adopted by the Forest Grove City Council.

To accomplish these purposes, the Plan established 5 Goals and 13 Objectives. These Goals and Objectives have remained consistent since their inception and no changes are being proposed. In an effort to make the Goals and Objectives more accessible, readable, and transparent, they were transposed into the same format as the City Council Goals and Objectives. In an effort to inform the budget process and implement the Goals and Objectives, the Board came to a consensus this year on a Work Plan. The Work Plan is part of and reflected in Exhibit A, the URA Goals and Objectives.

Although there are no changes being proposed to the Goal and Objectives, the Work Plan is new and requires approval by Resolution. Because the Work Plan is included in the same document as the Goals and Objectives, the Resolution simply refers to adopting the Goals and Objectives, in keeping with the same format as City Council. Lastly, because there are no changes to the Goals and Objectives as listed in the URA Plan, this action does not require an amendment to the URA Plan.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the URA Board consider and adopt Exhibit A, the URA Goals and Objectives.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1) URA Goals and Objectives