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using the approval criteria in Section 5.1.500. Minor Variances are limited to lot setbacks, landscaping, or tree preservation or sign standards, including up to a 10 percent change to the setback standard required in the base land use district, or up to 10 percent reduction in landscape area, or up to a 10 percent difference in sign size.

Chapter 2.5.300L Development Standards - HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL (HC) District L. Formula Food Establishments. The City of Sisters has developed a unique community character in its commercial districts. The City desires to maintain this unique character and protect the community's economic vitality by ensuring a diversity of businesses with sufficient opportunities for independent entrepreneurs. To meet these objectives, the City limits Formula Food Establishments as follows: 1) No more than two per intersection provided that the streets are designated as either an arterial or a collector, and 2) other than at approved intersections, the Formula Food Establishments shall be separated on the same side of the street by at least 400 feet from property line of each Formula Food Establishment, regardless where the establishment fronts.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of **Black Butte Ranch Rural Fire Protection District**, Deschutes County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, will be held at the Black Butte Ranch Fire Station. The meeting will take place on April 28, 2015 at 9 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget.

A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained on or after April 20, 2015 at the Black Butte Ranch Fire Station, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.

Notice of Hearing to Consider Adoption of Ordinance of the Board of Directors of the Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District - Sisters Fire Hall - April 21, 2015 - 5:00 p.m.

The first public hearing will be held on April 21, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sisters Fire Hall located at 301 South Elm Street, Sisters, OR, for consideration of ordinance 2014-2015-100 adopting the 2014 Oregon Fire Code.

Copies of the proposed ordinance are available upon request at the Fire District: 301 South Elm Street in Sisters and on its website: www.sistersfire.com.

GRANTS: Council originally allocated \$100,000

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the urban renewal projects. The proposed loan repayment amounts and schedule were discussed, particularly exploring if the loan can be paid off by the expiration date of the Urban Renewal Agency.

Due to concerns of the URA board members regarding paying off the loan balance on time, it was decided that the remaining 16 grant applicants would receive 50 percent of the maximum allowed. The maximum allowed is half of the lowest of three bids received to do the work. In other words, the latest recipients will receive grants equal to 25 percent of the lowest bid.

The total money awarded amounted to approximately \$45,000 rather than the original \$100,925 submitted by City staff for approval.

During the visitor communication period of the regular City Council meeting, Jennifer McCrystal, owner of Jen's Garden (soon to be The Cottonwood Café) addressed the Council regarding her concerns and frustration around the most recent urban renewal grant process.

She recounted her

excitement at the possibility of being able to improve the appearance of her building, provide space for community events, and provide jobs to help stimulate the local economy. She said she was going to be able to proceed with some long-term plans for which she had lacked adequate capital.

McCrystal did her homework before applying for a renewal grant. She reviewed all of the previous grants awarded for façade improvements and found two very similar to what she planned; Bronco Billy's new paver patio for \$10,000 and the landscaping, pergola, and fire pit at Hop N Bean for \$10,000 closely resembled her request. With the decision made by the Urban Renewal Agency board last week, she will receive \$5,000 instead of \$10,000, leaving her to pay an additional \$5,000 not anticipated in her original planning.

Despite assurances to the contrary by the City, board delays in making the funding decisions caused frustration for McCrystal and

her contractors who were deterred from working. The new restaurant was originally scheduled to open in mid-April.

"This third round of grants should not have been offered and applications should not have been sought if you were not absolutely certain you wanted to and had the means to proceed," McCrystal told the Council.

The day after the grant awarding, *The Nugget* received the following information compiled by the City finance officer, regarding the loan amortization and prepayment schedule for the Bank of the Cascades loan to the City:

The projected reserve balance assumes tax revenue of \$130,000 growing by three percent each fiscal year beginning FY 2016/17. Prepayments will be made at the beginning of the fiscal years 2015-2017 when reserves are available to maximize interest savings. The balance to be paid February 25, 2022 would be \$252,427.29 with a reserve balance of \$51,310.



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