



CITY OF LAWRENCE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

August 28, 2018

4:00 p.m.

Public Assembly Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: David Blount, Jerry Clifford, Dick Freije, Bruce Kimery, and Frank Sullivan, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT: Economic Development Director Cam Starnes and Corporation Counsel David Johnson.

Also present: Chris Barnett (Lawrence Community Development Corporation)

CALL TO ORDER & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: President Jerry Clifford called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and announced a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Clifford asked the minutes from the meeting of July 31, 2018 be approved. Mr. Kimery made the motion; Mr. Sullivan seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims were submitted for \$440,462.05. Mr. Starnes provided a summary of claims to the Commission. Mr. Blount made a motion for approval thereof; Mr. Kimery seconded the motion. The Commission approved unanimously.

STAFF REPORT:

1. Meyer Plastics

- a. **Escrowed sale proceeds:** The real estate, private financing, and bonds all closed on schedule on August 13, 2018. The remediation proceeds from the sale were remitted directly to the RDC.
- b. **EPA Grant:** The EPA has approved use of grant funds for groundwater monitoring work on the Meyer Plastics site, which will offset the remediation proceeds from the sale. Mr. Starnes answered questions from the Commission.

2. Trades District

- a. **7600 Pendleton Pike LOI:** Mr. Starnes and Mr. Johnson will attend an August 29 meeting with a party interested in the Pendleton Pike properties. Additionally, Mr. Starnes will request DPW to maintain the property, and check on the status of utility work being done in the area.

3. 4423 Shadeland Avenue

- a. **ServiceMaster:** Conversations continue with ServiceMaster by Crossroads regarding closing on sale of the 4423 Shadeland building. ServiceMaster has undertaken mold remediation activities at its own risk prior to closing, but has encountered unexpected potential renovation costs related to the existing fire suppression system.

- b. **4399 Shadeland Avenue and Faris Street property (Caito):** Mr. Starnes will continue to coordinate and explore development opportunities and interests for the 13-acre parcel. Mr. Starnes provided clarification and answered questions from the Commission.

4. **42nd/Post**

- a. **Gated Properties acquisition of 42nd Place Studios:** Maison Gardens owner has acquired 42nd Place Studios for demolition and rezoning for mixed use.
- b. **Oak Tree Apartments:** Plans are moving forward for demolition in the near future. Mr. Starnes answered questions from the Commission.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE RDC:

The Commission requested the following changes to the RDC 2018 schedule meeting dates as follows pending approval:

October 23 meeting: move to Thursday, November 8 at 4:00 p.m.

November 27 meeting: move to Tuesday, December 4 at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Starnes updated the Commission on the Lilly Art Grant application for Arts for Lawrence noting that it is still under review with awards being determined before the end of the year. Mr. Starnes will update with Commission with any feedback.

There being no other business to come before the Commission, Mr. Clifford concluded business of the meeting. Mr. Sullivan motioned for adjournment at 4:41 p.m. and Mr. Blount seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jerry Clifford, President

Mary Jo Rothenbush, Recording Secretary

These minutes are not intended to be verbatim. They are a summary of discussion held, with the exception of motions.