

CITY OF LAWRENCE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

August 29, 2017

4:00 p.m.

Public Assembly Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Jerry Clifford, Bob Marien, Bruce Kimery, and Frank Sullivan Jr., Dick Freije.

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

Also present: Chris Barnett (Lawrence CDC)

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 August 1, 2017 be approved. Mr. Kimery made the motion; Mr. Marien seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims were submitted for \$379,339.19. Mr. Starnes provided a summary of Claims for the Commission. Mr. Hicks made a motion for approval thereof; Mr. Marien seconded the motion. The Commission and Claims approved unanimously.

STAFF REPORT:

- 1. **Franklin Road project:** Mr. Starnes shared with the Commission that preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition, bid package, and construction timeline is on track to fulfilling the grant fund obligations for construction in accordance with the plan. Mr. Starnes answered questions from the Commission.
- 2. Lawrence Trades District: Mission Mechanical closed on Permanent Magnet property; EPA grant funds used to clear site for reuse; brings 70-75 new jobs to Lawrence and is a positive sign for the viability of the Lawrence Trades District concept. Staff will begin work on request for development proposals for RDC-owned property on Pendleton Pike consistent with the Trades District plan.
- 3. Fort Harrison redevelopment: Mr. Starnes and Mayor Collier meet with FHRA board president and treasurer monthly; communication is good. David Weekley homes continue strong sales; Weekley now has agreed deal with FHRA for townhome development on Parcel G. Former PX on Lawton Loop to be redeveloped as office space for landscape architecture firm, plus additional office space for lease.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution No. 3-2017 authorizing offer of 9462 52nd Street for sale to abutting landowners.** The Redevelopment Commission determined that the highest and best use of this property may be sale to an abutting landowner. Discussion was had regarding who is eligible to bid on the property once offered. The Commission then resolved to offer the property for sale in accordance with Indiana law regarding disposition of municipal real estate to abutting landowners. The resolution passed unanimously. Staff will report back with regard to any bids received.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE RDC: Next meeting is September 26, 2017. Chris Barnett of Lawrence CDC reported that 8266 East 48th Street has been demolished and renovation by Habitat for Humanity will begin soon. 3624 Woodcroft is currently under renovation by Habitat.

There being no other business to come before the Commission, Mr. Clifford concluded business of the meeting. Mr. Sullivan motioned for adjournment at 4:40 p.m. and Mr. Marien seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jerry Clifford, President

Julie Kukolla, Recording Secretary

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