



CITY OF LAWRENCE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

October 22, 2019

4:00 p.m.

Public Assembly Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: David Blount, Ali Brown, Jerry Clifford, Brian Hicks, and Bruce Kimery.

STAFF PRESENT: Economic Development Director Cam Starnes

Also present: Chris Barnett (LCDC) and Dan O'Toole (Facility Maintenance USA, LLC).

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Blount asked the minutes from September 24, 2019 be approved. Mr. Kimery made the motion; Mr. Clifford seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims were submitted for \$7,300.00. Mr. Starnes provided a summary of claims and answered questions from the Commission. Mr. Clifford made a motion for approval thereof; Mr. Kimery seconded the motion. The Commission approved unanimously.

STAFF REPORT:

1. Trades District:

- a. **Freije project** – Mr. Starnes updated the Commission that site planning and architecture are underway; Freije has retained Schneider Engineering and Curran Architecture, both Lawrence-based companies. Freije looks to close on acquisition of the site in December 2019 with construction to be completed in September 2020.
- b. **INPwr** – Mr. Starnes shared that he will be meeting with the Lawrence-based electrical contractor's leadership in the coming week regarding potential expansion and will report at next month's meeting.
- c. **MSDLT Council** – Mr. Starnes reported that he and Deputy Chief of Staff, Joe Murphy, will meet with key leaders to strategize with a joint task force for trades-related education for MSDLT students.
- d. **Koch Air** – HVAC component supplier recently closed on a property in the Trades District area. Koch does substantial business with both Williams Comfort Air and Freije. Mr. Starnes and Mr. Murphy will meet with their leadership and share information at the next meeting.

2. **Williams Comfort Air** - Mr. Starnes and City leadership recently met with the owners of Williams Comfort Air. The recent press release in IBJ showcased the positive development in Lawrence.

3. **Franklin Road Marsh:** Mr. Starnes updated the Commission that the rezoning meeting with DMD staff is postponed. Mr. Starnes will continue to monitor the appeal and welcomes any community feedback. Mr. Starnes answered questions from the Commission.

4. Shadeland Avenue:

- a. **Dan O'Toole offer** – Mr. Starnes introduced Mr. O'Toole, provided clarification of the current interest from Edwards Mechanical, and answered questions from the Commission regarding the 4423 parcel. Mr. O'Toole addressed the Commission, provided a handout containing construction estimates, and submitted an offer for consideration. Mr. O'Toole answered

questions from the Commission. Ms. Brown recused herself. The Commission requested a scoring mechanism for consideration of both proposals. Mr. Starnes answered questions from the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution approving grant of 4399 N. Shadeland to Lawrence Community Development Corporation.** Mr. Starnes provided a summary to the Commission. Mr. Clifford made a motion for approval thereof; Mr. Kimery seconded the motion pending the inclusion of a map as Exhibit A for reference. The Commission approved unanimously.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE RDC: Next meeting date is Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2019.

There being no other business to come before the Commission, Mr. Blount concluded business of the meeting. Ms. Brown motioned for adjournment at 4:57 p.m.; Mr. Clifford seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



David Blount, 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.