



CITY OF LAWRENCE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

June 26, 2018

4:00 p.m.

Public Assembly Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: David Blount, Jerry Clifford, Dick Freije, Brian Hicks, and Bruce Kimery. Commissioner Frank Sullivan participated via teleconference call.

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

Also present: Chris Barnett (Lawrence CDC), and John Wolski (Ski Landscape).

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 special meeting of June 5, 2018 be approved. Mr. Blount made the motion; Mr. Hicks seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims were submitted for \$32,902.87. Mr. Starnes provided a summary of claims to the Commission. Mr. Kimery made a motion for approval thereof; Mr. Hicks seconded the motion. The Commission approved unanimously.

STAFF REPORT: Mr. Starnes updated the Commission of a collaborative effort with the Lawrence CDC, FHRA, and Chamber for a grant application to initiate a comprehensive economic development plan. The coalition with stakeholder engagement will help integrate a centralized plan approach to improve marketing and branding. Mr. Starnes also answered questions from the Commission regarding the Zagster bike program.

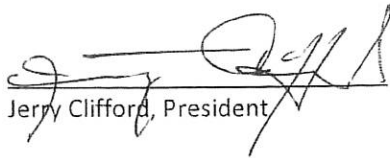
1. **Meyer Plastics project update:** Mr. Starnes updated the Commission and provided a timeline. Bond closing is anticipated in September. Mr. Starnes also provided clarification and answered questions from the Commission.
2. **Trades District project update:** Mr. Starnes shared that there is still continued interest for the site currently under a mandated 30-day waiting period. Mr. Starnes clarified the "opportunity zone" concept and answered questions from the Commission.
3. **4423 Shadeland project update:** Mr. Starnes noted that the project agreement with ServiceMaster by Crossroads continues to move forward and is currently awaiting BZA approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Vote to change July meeting date to the 31st.** Mr. Kimery made the motion; Mr. Blount seconded. The Commission approved by unanimous vote.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE RDC: Aletha Dunston, Director of FHRA has requested a brief meeting with the Commission preceding the staff report at the next RDC meeting on July 31. Mr. Clifford will confirm Ms. Dunston. Mr. Starnes answered questions from the Commission regarding the next phase of the Lilly arts grant application process. The full application is due at the end of August.

There being no other business to come before the Commission, Mr. Clifford concluded business of the meeting. Mr. Hicks motioned for adjournment at 4:35 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.