



CITY OF LAWRENCE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

August 23, 2016

4:00 p.m.

Public Assembly Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Jerry Clifford, Bruce Kimery, Bob Marien, Brian Hicks, and Frank Sullivan Jr.

STAFF PRESENT: Economic Development Director Cam Starnes, and Corporation Counsel Jim Gutting.
Also present: eleven community members.

CALL TO ORDER & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: President Jerry Clifford called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. and announced a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Clifford asked the minutes from July 26, 2016 be approved. Mr. Kimery made the motion; Mr. Sullivan provided a second, and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims were submitted for \$1,175.00 and \$287.50. Mr. Clifford asked for a motion to accept the claims to be paid. Mr. Marien moved to approve the claims; Mr. Hicks seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

STAFF REPORT: Mr. Starnes said the proposed TIF expansion is currently in committee with the Common Council and he awaits its approval. Mr. Starnes said the vacant apartment complex at 42nd & Post is a property he hopes will be demolished and replaced with a mixed use development with transit available (the Purple Line.) He said such a project may be eligible for Section 42 Affordable Housing Tax Credits and also create employment possibilities and it would be a positive southern gateway to Lawrence. Mr. Sullivan said he was pleased with the information and said this would benefit the TIF as it would be adjacent to its current boundaries. Community Alliance for the Far East Side (CAFE) President Tom Crouch said the public safety issues around the vacant apartment complex are a sound reason to pursue the suggested changes. Mr. Starnes gave an update about the current storm water projects after COL signed the MOU with Indy DPW: Shrewsbury is working on Pogue's Run; Commonwealth is working with 7600 Pendleton Pike; and Wessler is working on 46th & Richardt.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Clifford said the master planning engagement for the I-465/Pendleton Pike gateway corridor was tabled last month. Mr. Marien offered a motion to return it for discussion and action, Mr. Hicks provided the second and it passed 5-0.
 - Mr. Starnes said this area is an important property due to its location for the City and said it is an important gateway. He said he hopes the RDC will influence what will be built with consideration for how it will influence the community, not to be solely concerned with a profitable business, like a fuel station or fast food option.
 - Mr. Starnes said the stakeholder engagement and what this area will mean to the gateway is important.
 - Mr. Starnes asked for approval of Phase I of the Master Planning Engagement with Holladay Properties, not to exceed \$38,000. He said Phases 2 & 3 will need separate approvals by the RDC.

- Mr. Sullivan asked if anything had changed since last month regarding the prior amounts and share of the work.
- Mr. Marien provided the motion to approve Phase I for this professional services engagement. Mr. Hicks gave a second. The motion passed 4-1.

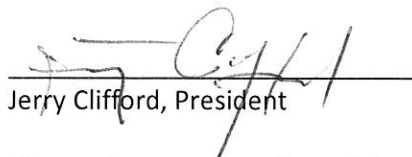
NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion took place between the commissioners to move the November meeting to the 29th from the 22nd, per Mr. Sullivan's suggestion. The members agreed. The meeting date change will be recorded and posted appropriately.
2. Discussion took place between the commissioners to keep the 4:00 meeting time for 2017 or to move it to 6:30 p.m. to allow for additional discussion. The RDC chose to keep the 4:00 meeting time.
3. Meeting dates for 2017 will take place at 4:00 p.m. on the following dates:
 January 24
 February 28
 March 28
 April 25
 May 23
 June 27
 July 25
 August 22
 September 26
 October 24
 November 28
 December 26

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE RDC:

1. Tom Crouch and Judy Byron made a presentation to the commission delineating the research and progress from the 2011 Redevelopment Commission and the historical information of a contract with Herron School of Art. Herron had installed sculptures in the City but the contract was not completed. Mr. Crouch and Ms. Byron asked the commission to reconsider the value displayed art contributes to the community.
2. Mr. Starnes showed the Indiana Originals event signage which will take place in Lawrence. The marketplace will take place August 28 from 12-4 p.m. The Theater at the Fort will host the event @ 8920 Otis Avenue.

There being no other business to come before the Commission, Mr. Marien motioned for adjournment at 5:19 p.m. Mr. Sullivan seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.


 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.