Redevelopment Authority of the City of Stoughton
Wednesday, October 12, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was a hybrid meeting located in the Fire Department training room located at 401 E Main St. as well as concurrently held via Zoom.

Committee members present: Dale Reeves (Chair), Lukas Trow (Vice-Chair), Ben Heili (remote), Regina Hirsch (remote), Pete Manley, David Pluymers and Roger Springman
Members absent: None
Guests present: Gary Becker (remote), Katrina Becker (remote), Curt Brink, Lydia DeBauche, Dave Ehlinger, Rodney Scheel and Tim Swadley

1. **Call to order** – Reeves called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
2. **Verify quorum is present –** A quorum was present.
3. **Communications** – Swadley recapped his meeting on 10/12/2022 with Reeves and G. Becker regarding the requested budget for 2023 for the RDA.
4. **Public comments -** None
5. **Approval of minutes from September 14, 2022** – Motion by Springman/Pluymers to approve the minutes as drafted. The motion passed unanimously.
6. **Fiscal updates - Redevelopment Authority fiscal reports September 2022** – Ehlinger recapped by Balance Sheet and Revenue/Expenditure report.
7. **Chair Report** – Reeves welcomed Lydia DeBauche as the UW-Madison student who will be working with the RDA over the next two semesters. DeBauche went through a PowerPoint presentation and general discussion ensued regarding direction desired by the RDA.
8. **New Business**
    a. **Discussion and possible action regarding fence security** – Scheel spoke on the topic and general discussion occurred. By consensus, it was agreed that fencing should be placed on the north edge of the new Riverwalk and terminate on each end once the bridge is installed in May. This will allow people to cross the new pedestrian bridge from Mandt Park to use the new Riverwalk but people will need to exit back across the new bridge until the Riverwalk can be connected to Fourth Street. We anticipate installing signage at the south entrance of the new bridge to inform users they will need to return using the bridge.
9. **Old Business**
    a. **Discussion and possible action regarding Riverfront Project and contamination findings** – Curt Brink updated the committee on his project status including the costs increases. He indicated that he intends to close on the sale in December using cash reserves as a mortgage cannot be secured until the environment remediation is complete. Scheel stressed that no project work can be started until the environmental remediation is completed.
    b. **Discussion and possible action regarding design charrette for downtown area** - None
    c. **Discussion and possible action regarding Innovation Center** -Swadley indicated that any future Becker Professional Services invoices related to the Innovation Center will be paid by the Center as opposed to the city. Swadley also indicated the Innovation Center is looking to hire a part-time director.
    d. **Discussion and possible action regarding Depot Hill** – K. Becker indicated that she

had provided the RDA members with a database just before the meeting as well as indicating the database is a work in progress.

e. **Discussion and possible action regarding website updates** – Reeves indicated the committee members needs to be updated on the website. Trow indicated he would correct this.

f. **Discussion and possible action regarding East Main Street stakeholder focus group –** Swadley indicated that the Downtown Merchants Association has re-organized their leadership.

g. **Stoughton Area School District communication** – General discussion occurred.

10. **Future agenda items**

    a. **Approval of minutes for September 27, 2022 –** No additional items were requested to be added to the next agenda.

11. **Adjourn** – Motion by Springman/Trow to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Finance/Comptroller