

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 11, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.

Mayor's Office/City Hall

Present:

Jim Schaefer, Dan Kittleson, Peter Sveum, Ron Christianson, Sid Boersma and Finance Director Laurie Sullivan

Absent:

John Kramper, Steve Sletten and Scott Truehl

Others Present:

Mayor Donna Olson, Paul Lawrence, Gary Becker, Jeff Ackerman, Mark Ignatowski and Lisa Aide

Call to order:

Sveum called meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Communications:

None.

Approval of January 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes:

Moved by Boersma, seconded by Christianson, to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2015 RDA meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Power Plant Update – Stephen Mar-Pohl:

Sullivan reported that Stephen Mar-Pohl was not prepared to come to tonight's meeting. They are still interested in the Power Plant location and their hopes are to have information available to share with the Committee at the next RDA meeting.

Discuss any Redevelopment Area Number One developments:

Sullivan reported that discussions with the Receiver for Mill Fab continue. Becker reported that he still has not been granted access to the site to do testing, but is working on it and doesn't feel it will be a problem. Sullivan reported she received a monitoring report from the DNR that needed to be completed and she contacted Becker for assistance. Becker and Jeff Ackerman from the DNR toured the site today and Ackerman came to the meeting to see if there were any questions from the RDA and offered his assistance if needed. None at this time, but if the RDA decides to purchase any property may have questions at that time.

Closed Session:

Moved by Kittleson, seconded by Schaefer, to close the meeting per State Statute 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; and then reopen for the regular course of business Re: Discuss purchase of Mill Fab site. 5:45 p.m.

Moved by Boersma, seconded by Schaefer, to reopen the meeting for the regular course of business at 6:05 p.m.

Marathon Site Update:

Sveum reported that after last RDA meeting he made a counter offer in regards to the Marathon Site. He withdrew the counter offer after waiting and hearing nothing from the perspective buyer. Sveum will be meeting with a commercial agent in regards to listing the Marathon Site. He will report results of the meeting next month.

Approve Vierbicher contract to provide Planning Consulting Services – CDI

Grant:

Becker reviewed the changes made to the agreement based on last month's discussions. Moved by Kittleson, seconded by Christianson, to approve Vierbicher contract to provide Planning Consulting Services as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Revolving Loan Fund Update:

No new inquires at this time. Sveum reported that the Lunch & Learn presentation on January 26th went very well. WWBIC was on hand to do a presentation about the Revolving Loan Fund program.

Future Agenda Items:

Redevelopment Area Number One developments
Revolving Loan Fund Update
Marathon site
Milfab site
Vierbicher reports & presentation
Power House

Adjourn:

Moved by Christianson, seconded by Kittleson, to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Aide
Finance Department