

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 20, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.

Hall of Fame Room/City Hall

Present:

Peter Sveum, Scott Truehl, Regina Hirsch, Dan Kittleson, Ron Christianson and Steve Sletten

Absent:

Brian Kahl and John Kramper

Others Present:

Gary Becker, Laura Trotter, Greg Jenson, Michael Engelberger, Matt Bartlett, Mayor Donna Olson, Dennis Kittleson and Paul Lawrence

Call to order:

Sveum called meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Communications:

Mayor wanted to bring up that she had received a call from the Stoughton Fair board asking for permission to use the Highway Trailer Building site to set off fireworks during the fair and on July 4th. RDA members worried about what the liability would be and not sure where we would be in the demolition process. Directed Mayor that there is no interest at this time to use the site for fireworks.

Riverfront Redevelopment Area Update:

Becker reported that the testing for asbestos and lead were done, but the report was not back yet. Veolia will begin removing waste within the week and still hopes to have it all gone by end of February. Vierbicher will start working with Planning Director Scheel on the bid packets for demolition and anticipate sending them out mid-March and to have the buildings down by May/June. Becker reported we are all set with grants so we can begin demolition at any time.

Movin' Out and Gorman Development Proposals:

Becker reported he talked with both parties about the idea of a joint venture, but neither party showed an interest. Becker summarized both proposals once more. Discussion took place on both proposals which included, tax credits they both would be seeking, projected worth, TIF assistance they would be seeking and types of housing. Gorman proposal did not state how much assistance they would be seeking and as of Friday Nicole Solheim did not have the numbers yet. It was discussed it was hard to make a decision without knowing all the financial aspects of the Gorman proposal. Becker relayed that he informed Mark Geall, of Tanesay, that he was selected as the main developer. Geall said he could work with the Highway Trailer Building staying, but would put his development on hold until Gorman finished their phase of the development.

Moved by Truehl, seconded by Hirsch, to table making a decision between the Movin' Out and Gorman proposals and to direct Becker to let Gorman know they have until the next RDA meeting on March 8th to provide TIF funding request information to the Committee for review. Motion passed unanimously.

Highway Trailer Building:

Nothing to report.

Adjourn:

Moved by Christianson, seconded by Kittleson, to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Aide