

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 5, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.

Mayor's Office/City Hall

Present:

Steve Sletten, Regina Hirsch, Scott Truehl, Dan Kittleson, Peter Sveum, Brian Kahl and Finance Director Laurie Sullivan

Absent:

John Kramper

Others Present:

Gary Becker and Ron Christianson

Call to order:

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

Introduction of new RDA Members:

Sveum introduced the new members to the RDA committee. Scott Truehl and Regina Hirsch will be our alderpersons representing Council. Ron Christianson will be appointed by the Mayor on May 10th as a citizen member. Welcome to all.

Elect Committee Chair:

Nominations were opened up for Committee Chair. Truehl nominated Sveum to serve as Committee Chair. No other nominations were made. Sveum was unanimously elected Committee Chair.

Elect Committee Vice Chair:

Nominations were opened up to Committee Vice Chair. Kittleson nominated Sletten to serve as Committee Vice Chair. No other nominations were made. Sletten was unanimously elected Committee Vice Chair.

Approval of February 10, 2016 RDA Meeting Minutes:

Moved by Kittleson, seconded by Truehl, to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2016 RDA meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications:

The Brew Pub, who was our first Revolving Loan Fund participant, was featured in an article in the Courier Hub recently. Sullivan reported there are 2 Revolving Loan Fund applications out at this time.

Sullivan reported that the Alexander Company has inquired about the pending Request for Development Proposals.

Sullivan reported that she will be showing the Powerhouse on Friday, May 13th. Questions arose about the water rights. Sullivan will check with Matt Dregne.

Marathon Site update:

Sveum reported that Ryon Savasta could not attend, but sent a memo. Memo stated that there was no new activity and he does not recommend a price reduction at this time. Savasta will not be renewing his contract at this time. Moved by Kahl, seconded by Truehl, to authorize Sveum to list the property with another commercial realtor. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and approval of GWB Professional Services Agreement for Planning Consulting Services:

Becker stated that he will be leaving Vierbicher Associates and starting his own consulting services business. He would like to continue to provide planning consulting services for the RDA and presented an agreement for review. Moved by Truehl, seconded by Hirsch, to enter in agreement with GWB Professional Services as presented in the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Milfab and redevelopment area update – Closed Session:

Moved by Kittleson, seconded by Truehl, 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. Time closed: 6:25 p.m.

Moved by Kahl, seconded by Hirsch, to reopen the meeting for the regular course of business at 6:45 p.m.

Revisit RFP for Riverfront Redevelopment Area:

Becker reviewed with the committee the Request for Development Proposal for the Riverfront Redevelopment Area. He commented that there are minor updates and corrections that will need to be made before being sent out.

Future Agenda Items:

Marathon Site and Revolving Loan Fund updates
Milfab Update
Community Development Authority
Request for Development Proposal

Adjourn:

Moved by Kittleson, seconded by Truehl, to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Sullivan