

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 12, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.

Hall of Fame Room/City Hall

Present:

Dan Kittleson, Steve Sletten, Peter Sveum, Tom Selsor, John Kramper, Scott Truehl, Brian Kahl, Ron Christianson and Finance Director Laurie Sullivan

Absent:

Others Present:

Mayor Donna Olson, Gary Becker, Sid Boersma, Paul Lawrence, Regina Hirsch and Ingrid West

Call to order:

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

Introductions:

New members introduced themselves.

Approval of July 8, 2015 RDA Meeting Minutes:

Moved by Kittleson, seconded by Christianson, to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2015 RDA meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications:

None

Marathon Site update:

Sveum reported that Ryon Savasta could not attend the meeting, but had relayed that he had nothing new since last meeting to report.

Sustainable Stoughton Presentation:

Ingrid West and Regina Hirsch from Sustainable Stoughton gave a presentation on their vision for the Yahara Riverfront Development Project.

Grant funding opportunities update:

Becker gave an update on the grant funding opportunities that are available to date. The Wisconsin Assessment Grant money if received would help pay for the Phase 2 assessment, but needs a developer to be listed first. The Site Assessment Grant was submitted and is under consideration and should find out results in the next couple of weeks. This grant requires matching funds, which we could use the Wisconsin Assessment Grant for that requirement. The Build Grant is on hold at this time.

Millfab acquisition – Closed Session:

Moved by Truehl, seconded by Kittleson, 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: 6:05 p.m.

Moved by Truehl, seconded by Christianson, to reopen the meeting for the regular course of business at 6:38 p.m.

Discuss proposed Zoning Overlay District for Redevelopment District #1 and recommend approval to the Planning Commission:

Discussion took place about the rezoning of the Redevelopment District #1 Area. Discussion centered on the purpose of the rezoning application and that the rezoning is part of a larger effort to redevelop the industrial areas of the District into a mixed use area consisting of residential, retail, office and park uses. Any rezoning done would not affect the current residential property owners in the area, they would be grandfathered in. Moved by Truehl, seconded by Christianson to submit an application to amend the City's Official Zoning Map in order to rezone the area between South Street and the Yahara River and Fourth and Seventh Streets to a Multi-Family 24(MR-24) zoning district. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss any Redevelopment Area Number One developments:

Christianson informed the Sustainable Stoughton group that if they were interested they could look for grants that could be used in conjunction with City owned properties since they stated they had experience in grant writing.

Revolving Loan Fund Update:

No applications at this time.

Future Agenda Items:

Marathon Site and Revolving Loan Fund update
MillFab Update
Rezoning

Adjourn:

Moved by Truehl, seconded by Christianson, to adjourn at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Aide