

Redevelopment Authority of the City of Stoughton

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was a hybrid meeting located in the City Council chambers of the Public Safety Building at 321 S. Fourth St as well as concurrently held via Zoom.

Committee members present: Ben Heili (Council member, remote), Regina Hirsch (Council member), Pete Manley, David Pluymers, Dale Reeves, Roger Springman, and Lukas Trow.

Members absent: None

Guests present: Gary Becker (remote), Katrina Becker (remote), Dave Ehlinger (Director of Finance), and Christine (Historical Society)

1. **Call to order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Ehlinger
2. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair** – Motion by Trow/Manley to nominate Reeves as Chair. No other nominations were received. Motion passed 7-0. Motion by Reeves/Manley to nominate Trow as Vice Chair. No other nominations were received. Motion passed 7-0.
3. **Communications** – None
4. **Public Comments** – None
5. **Approval of minutes from April 13, 2022** – Motion by Trow/Hirsch to approve the minutes as drafted. The motion passed 6-0 with Heili abstaining.
6. **Chair report**
 - a. Meeting on May 12, 2022 with True North to discuss remediation at the former Millfab site.
 - b. Developer Brink is excited about the bridge going in.
7. **New business**
 - a. **Introduction of new committee member – David Pluymers** - Welcome to Dave Pluymers as a new member. Pluymers introduced himself and gave his background. Welcome to Ben Heili as a new Council member on this committee. Heili introduced himself and gave his background
 - b. **R-96-2022 Resolution Authorizing Funding for 2022 Services Provided by Becker Professional Services, LLC for Economic Development Projects** –
 - i. Gary Becker indicated activity is increasing and went over the resolution
 - ii. Katrina Becker is a new partner and updated the committee regarding CDI grant discussions with businesses for renovations especially for improving water lateral capacity due to required sprinkler systems.
 - iii. Have not gotten to refugee settlement grant yet but will get to it.
 - iv. Innovation Center grant for \$5 million has been submitted and we should get a response next month
 - v. Working with the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) regarding Build to Scale grant
 - c. **Discussion and possible action regarding escrow account related to Marathon site**
 - i. The history of the escrow of \$6,976.50 was recapped and the fact the escrow amount was reduced by 50% previously.

- ii. By consensus, it was agreed that the June 1st deadline for occupancy permits will not be achieved.
- iii. The committee was not aware of any specific reason for the construction delay
- iv. Ehlinger advised to the committee to think about potential uses for the cash
- v. By consensus, Ehlinger was directed on 06/02/2022 to contact the escrow company about receiving the funds.

8. Old business

- a. **Discussion regarding Riverfront Project status update** – Hirsch gave an update to the committee regarding the preliminary results on the soil and water sampling. Manley gave a recap of the whitewater park background. General discussed occurred.
- b. **Survey results and discussion thereof**
 - i. Gary Becker indicated that no survey results have been received yet but that he and the mayor are meeting with the businesses in person.
 - ii. Discussion occurred whether to contract with UW Extension for a design charrette in Fall 2023 or not and included the timing of getting downtown business input before the design began or not
- c. **Website update** – None

9. Future agenda items

- a. It was requested that the design charrette process be added to the next agenda
- b. It was requested that the Depot Hill and Riverfront Project be added to the next agenda
- c. Possible walking tour with RDA through downtown

10. Adjourn – Motion by Trow/Manley to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. The motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,



David P. Ehlinger, CPA
Director of Finance/Comptroller
City of Stoughton