

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017**

Members of the Highland Redevelopment Commission ("RC", "Commission") met on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 7:37 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building located at 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana. President Bernie Zemen called the meeting to order. Minutes were prepared by Kathy DeGuilio-Fox, Redevelopment Director.

Roll Call: Commissioners present Michael Griffin, Mark Herak, Dan Vassar, Steve Wagner and Bernie Zemen.

Additional Officials Present: Pat Krull, School Town of Highland Commissioner, Rhett Tauber, Esq. Redevelopment Commission Attorney, and Kathy DeGuilio-Fox, Redevelopment Director were present.

Additionally present: Larry Kondrat was additionally present.

General Substance of the Discussion

Agenda for Public Meeting: Redevelopment Director Kathy DeGuilio-Fox reviewed the study session agenda with the Commission. There were no questions or comments.

Highland Main Street: Director DeGuilio-Fox provided updates regarding two activities of the Highland Main Street group including the Festival of the Trail and selection of the third Jewett Street mural. The Festival of the Trail is scheduled for Saturday, October 14th from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and will be located on Jewett Street between Kennedy Avenue and 4th Street and will be closed to motor vehicles. Thirty artists and commercial vendors are registered to participate. Numerous other activities are planned for the event and it is being advertised along with the Highland Fire Department Annual Open House planned for the same day. Members of the Highland Main Street group selected the mural submission of artist Melissa Washburn of Valparaiso. She plans to complete the painting of her mural in time for the October 14th event. Director DeGuilio-Fox commented that she has asked Mr. Ryskamp to ask the Main Street group from planning any future murals until renewed discussion has taken place. Redevelopment Commission Attorney Tauber was asked to review whether public art may be a protected form of expression. Discussion ensued regarding the festival and mural program.

North Indianapolis Blvd Gateway: Ms. DeGuilio-Fox reported she spoke with Jim Semelka, Graf Tree Care, after his presentation to the Town Council on September 18th. The 2017 Highland Urban Forest Management Plan will now include the trees planted at the North Indianapolis Blvd gateway monument.

Cardinal Campus/Prairie & Main: Ms. DeGuilio-Fox reported discussion has moved forward and a next step to getting the project on wheels is to appoint a financial advisory services firm as well as bond and local counsel. Resolutions will be prepared for consideration at next the Highland Redevelopment Commission Public meeting scheduled for Monday, October 16, 2017.

Bult Oil Property: Director DeGuilio-Fox reminded Commissioners that interest in purchasing the Bult Oil Property had been expressed by a local business owner. Attorney Tauber suggested sale negotiations could be appropriate issues for an executive session. Discussion ensued. Further discussion will be held at a future date.

Public Works Relocation: Director DeGuilio-Fox reported property appraisals had been received. No discussion was held.

Facade Improvement Grant Applications/Guidelines:

- The Hydrant, 8630 Kennedy Ave: An email from Marc Radovich was received at 9:24 a.m. advising the Redevelopment office he'd been out of town and would just be returning to the office to respond to the request for additional budget and work information.
- Focused Pain Relief, 2621 Highway Ave: Paint manufacturers specifications were received Friday, September 29th and under review.

The Study Session ended at 8:05 p.m.