

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 1, 2019**

Members of the Highland Redevelopment Commission (“RC”, “Commission”) met on Monday, July 1, 2019 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana. President Bernie Zemen called the Study Session to order at 7:10 p.m. Minutes were prepared by Kathy DeGuilio-Fox, Redevelopment Director.

Roll Call: Commissioners present were Michael Griffin, Mark Herak, Dan Vassar, Steve Wagner and Bernie Zemen. A quorum was attained.

Additional Officials Present: Pat Krull, School Town of Highland Commissioner and Kathy DeGuilio-Fox, Redevelopment Director.

Also Present: Ed Dabrowski, IT Consultant; Larry Kondrat, Board of Waterworks; Michelle Quinn, Post Tribune; Robin Carlascio, Idea Factory; and Roger Sheeman, Highland resident.

General Substance of the Discussion

- 1. Downtown Banner Project:** Commissioners were advised that Redevelopment had offered to coordinate scheduling of all downtown banners. Ms. DeGuilio-Fox advised that she had spoken with John Bach and a draft schedule has been created that includes the regular holiday banners. Ms. DeGuilio-Fox spoke with Ms. Sofia Perez and the senior football players and cheerleader’s banners have been scheduled for August 12th thru October 20th. The players are working now to find sponsors and plan to use the same banner as last year. Commissioner Griffin offered to prepare policy language for the program.
- 2. Bult Oil Property:** Ms. DeGuilio-Fox advised that she received a draft Supplemental Phase II ESA and Conceptual Remediation Action Plan and is in the processing of reviewing the document. Once she has completed her review she will return it, with questions, to the EPA contractor for finalization.
- 3. 8200 Indianapolis Blvd Landscaping:** Ms. DeGuilio-Fox advised that except for the mulch the project is now complete. She’s spoken with the landscaper and the mulch will be delivered direct from their supplier. The landscaping crew will then complete the process of installing the mulch throughout the project.
- 4. DEF Properties at 2936 Highway Avenue:** Ms. DeGuilio-Fox reported that The Counter Ice Cream & Italian Ice shop is opened July 1, just in time for the 4th of July festivities. Their current hours are Monday through Saturday from noon until 9:00 PM. Maria’s Buena Cocina is anticipated to open later in July.
- 5. OCRA QuIP Grant Mural Project:** Ms. DeGuilio-Fox reported that murals #1 and #2 have been completed and that mural #3 will be completed by next week. All three artists, including Judith Mayer, Patti Tobin Davis and Jessica Haug have done a wonderful job and each shows their particular style and interpretation of one of the South Shore posters.
- 6. Library News:** Ms. DeGuilio-Fox reported that the Lake County Public Library system has purchased the property at 2842 Highway Avenue. They’re maintenance crew has already been out to clean up the

landscaping in time for the 4th of July parade. They will keep in touch as they determine how they want to use the property.

7. **Main Street Update:** Ms. DeGuilio-Fox provided a brief update on a recently suggested event. Mr. Benjamin Leonard White, Highland High School Orchestra conductor contacted the Main Street group and asked if the orchestra could perform a Pop-Up Concert on July 26th from 6:00 – 7:00 PM at the Highland Community Garden. He proposed that approximately thirty-two of his students would perform and finish their performance in time for those in attendance to walk down to Main Square to attend the 8:00 PM performance of Willie Wonka. Details are being worked out.

Ms. DeGuilio-Fox also provided an update of the Main Street event, Last Call For Summer. Thanks to the numerous sponsors that have pledged sponsorships in the amount of \$2,750 to date. As of June 28th three food vendors and two food trucks have been secured. Additional food vendors are being sought. Five bands will play from 3:00 to 8:00 PM.

8. **Comments from the Commissioners:** Discussion ensued regarding various topics.

There being no further business, the July 1, 2019 study session of the Highland Redevelopment Commission was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy DeGuilio-Fox, Recording Secretary.