

HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

PLENARY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY JUNE 10TH, 2024

The Highland Redevelopment Commission (“Commission”, “RC”) met in person at Town Hall on Monday June 10th, 2024. The regular scheduled plenary business meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by President, George Georgeff.

Roll Call: Commissioners Phil Scheeringa, Commissioner Tom Black, Commissioner George Georgeff and Commissioner Alex Robertson Commissioner Doug Turich and Patrick Krull (non-voting) were present in person at Town Hall).

Additional Officials Present: Maria Becerra, Redevelopment Director, Kendra Hernandez, Redevelopment Assistant and Ken Mika Building Commissioner

Also Present: The owners from Grindhouse Café and John Kennedy from American StructurePoint and several others were present from the public.

Public Comment: none

Approval of the Minutes, April 22nd 2024, May 13th, 2024, May 20th 2024 and May 28th approved unanimously

New Business: Resolution 2024-16 Addendum to Resolution 2024-13 Commercial Grant 3805 Ridge Rd. Grindhouse Café. The owners got up and spoke and stated they used the 1st part on getting a new roof and also getting the asbestos removed from the building and then having a new epoxy floor put in. The additional funds would be used to cover signage and windows and making the bathrooms ADA compliant and also getting the plumbing updated. In a meeting with Maria last week they had turned in the additional amounts and the grand total was \$96,803 and then 30% of that. We only have \$10,884.00 available at the moment that would be increase of \$10,884.00. This would not put us over the allotted monies we have put aside and the grant total would be \$24,587.00 and the max per property is \$40,000. The owners are hoping for an opening of July. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Robertson and seconded by Commissioner Turich, Passed 5-0.

Commissioner Turich suggested about adding more information below the resolution information on the agenda and expand on it a little more so it makes it easier for the Commissioners to get through the meeting and kind of understand where we're at.

Next on the agenda is Resolution 2024-17 contract for Safe Streets for all (SSFA). Consultant from StructurePoint John Kennedy introduced himself. This Grant will help create a vision for the town and reduce pedestrians and vehicle injuries and death. He will create a Steering Committee and collect data from NIRPC, INDOT and from the police department to determine where the hotspots or most of the issues are and collect that data and analyze it. With the civil engineering's help to come up with solutions to that problem and with the steering committee to get the information out to the public to see if there are any blind spots. They will be doing a Facebook Geo Grid to hit everyone in Highland. They will also be doing community events to get input from the general public and come up with a plan and put in place to present to the Town Council to review and approve the plan. This plan would take 8-9 months to complete and then next year they would assist

the town with an Implementation Grant to help put the plan in place. There are Grants up to 80% to cover the improvement. They have worked in several communities including Hammond. They have very good civil and traffic engineers and a planning department that will put everything together. Commissioner Scheeringa made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-17 and seconded by Commissioner Black, motion passed by a vote of 5-0

Old Business: None

Communications: Cash Balance Report presented to the Commission for the record 5-31-24

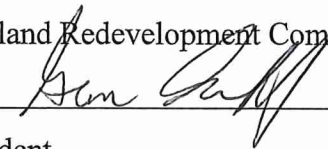
Commercial Grant 9143 Indianapolis, we met with them on Friday and told them that line item is depleted and no funds are available. They have already done quite a bit of work to the interior and exterior at a cost of \$500,000. Franciscan will be operating there on a 10 yr lease. They are on a time crunch and I believe they have already started work on the exterior and have sent pictures. It was brought before the Commission to make you aware.

Action to Pay Account Payable Vouchers \$28,157.80. Motion made by Commissioner Black and seconded by Commissioner Scheeringa. motion approved 5 to 0.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by President Georgeff at 6:12 PM.

DULY PASSED AND RESOLVED by the Highland Redevelopment Commission, Highland, Lake County, Indiana, this day of 2024, having passed by a vote ___ in favor and ___ opposed.

Highland Redevelopment Commission



President

ATTEST: 

Secretary