

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, January 23, 2008**

The Highland Redevelopment Commission (“RC”, “Commission”) met in Study Session on Wednesday, January 23, 2008, at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers within the Municipal Building at 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana. The Study Session was called to order by Commissioner Adam Gawlikowski. The minutes were prepared by Cecile Petro, Redevelopment Director.

ROLL CALL: Present on silent roll call were Commissioners Adam Gawlikowski, Brice Johnson, Rich Garza, and Jim Kessler. Absent with notice was Dominic Noce. Also in attendance were Town Council President Bernie Zemen, Town Council member Brian Novak, and Economic Development Commissioner George VandeWerken.

General Substance of the Study Session

1. Joint meeting with the Plan Commission and the Town Council

The Commission discussed the agenda for the Joint meeting with the Plan Commission and the Town Council on January 30, 2008 at 6:30 PM at the Municipal Building. They decided to keep the agenda to one item—the proposed Economic Development Plan for the northwest corner of Indianapolis Boulevard and Main Street. They discussed having a separate meeting with the Town Council to discuss the 2008 Goals and the Girl Scouts Building. President Zemen suggested February 4, 2008 at 7:00 PM. Notices will be sent out if this date is approved by the Council.

2. Endorsement of a potential tax abatement request

The Director informed the Commission about a potential tax abatement request. She stated that the Town Council on January 21, 2008, directed her to proceed with the process and request an application from the property owner. After the Director gave a brief presentation about the project, the Redevelopment Commission stated that it looked forward to reviewing the application and sending their recommendation to the Town Council.

3. Update on business attraction and expansion

The Director gave a brief update on current projects.

4. Letter from a business owner

The Director read a letter from a business owner, Tom White, regarding the discussion from the previous study session on a possible vacant building ordinance. It will be read at the next Redevelopment Commission meeting.

5. Executive session with the Town Council

The Commission will conduct an executive session with the Town Council on January 29, 2008, at Langel’s Restaurant, to meet with and interview a potential developer.

6. Attorney Green-Fraley's Agreement

The Commission reviewed the agreement sent by Attorney Green-Fraley. The Commissioners requested the Director to contact the attorney for clarification on a couple of issues and report back to the Commission, so that a resolution can be prepared by the next public meeting.

The Study Session was adjourned at 8:35 PM.