

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION MINUTES
September 9, 2009**

The Highland Redevelopment Commission (“Commission”, “RC”) met in Study Session on Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at 6:34 PM in the Council Chambers within the Municipal Building at 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana. The Study Session was called to order by President Adam Gawlikowski. The minutes were prepared by Director Cecile Petro.

ROLL CALL: Present on silent roll call included Commissioners: Adam Gawlikowski, Greg Kuzmar, Tom Crowel, and Dominic Noce. Also in attendance were Town Councilmen Konnie Kuiper and Bernie Zemen, Attorney Carol Green-Fraley, Economic Development Commissioner George VandeWerken, and School Board Liaison Luanne Jurczak. Commissioner Selena Rich was absent with notice.

General Substance of the Study Session

The Commission discussed the **agenda** for the public meeting. No comments were received.

The Director introduced Mr. Richard Putz and Mr. Jim Zappia who explained to the Commission what they would like to develop in Highland if they receive financing.

ADJOURNMENT: The Study Session was adjourned at 7:25 PM for the Public Meeting.

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING
September 9, 2009**

The Highland Redevelopment Commission (“Commission”, “RC”) met in a Public Meeting on September 9, 2009 at 7:35 PM in the Council Chambers within the Municipal Building at 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana. Redevelopment Commission President Adam Gawlikowski called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present on roll call included Redevelopment Commissioners Adam Gawlikowski, Greg Kuzmar, Tom Crowel, and Dominic Noce. Also in attendance were Attorney Carol Green-Fraley, Economic Development Commissioner George VandeWerken, and School Board Liaison Luanne Jurczak. Taking minutes for the meeting was Director Petro. Commissioner Rich was absent with notice.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSIONS:

Commissioner Crowel made a motion to accept the minutes as prepared for the Public Meeting and Study Session of July 8, 2009. Commissioner Noce seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent.**

SPECIAL ORDERS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ACTION TO PAY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS:

Commissioner Kuzmar made a motion to accept accounts payable claims as posted. Commissioner Crowel seconded the motion. During discussion, Attorney Green-Fraley informed the Commission that it should receive a Form 22 from the County Auditor’s office, which will notify the Commission if it should receive any Tax Increment Financing (TIF) monies. Commission members also questioned how Chamber of Commerce luncheons are paid. Director Petro responded that the Commission cannot pay in advance for luncheons, unlike private business. **Motion passed 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent.**

BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Commissioners asked Attorney Green-Fraley to contact a **developer** in Indianapolis which has expressed interest in Highland.

NEXT MEETING:

The Redevelopment Commission will meet in a Public Meeting on October 14, 2009 with a Study Session before and following the Public Meeting. The next full Study Session will be September 23, 2009 at 6:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Noce made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Crowel seconded the motion. **By a unanimous voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.**

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION RECONVENED
September 9, 2009**

The Highland Redevelopment Commission (“Commission”, “RC”) reconvened at 7:50 PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana.

ROLL CALL: Present on silent roll call included Commissioners: Dominic Noce, Greg Kuzmar, Tom Crowel, and Adam Gawlikowski. Also in attendance were Economic Development Commissioner George Vande Werken and School Board Liaison Luanne Jurczak. Absent with notice was Commissioner Selena Rich.

General Substance of the Study Session

Director Petro presented cost information regarding a possible **Bricks for the Centennial Program**. The Commission decided not to explore this program.

The Director presented a draft letter that she will send out to local organizations regarding the **2010 Census**. Ms. Petro explained that Ken Mika, Michael Griffin, and she will serve on Highland’s Complete Count Committee. She will offer to speak to the civic and social organizations to impress upon them the importance of the census for the Town.

Ms. Petro stated that she will begin to market the **kiosks** again now that they remain lit.

Commissioners Gawlikowski and Crowel reviewed their meeting with Vince Galbiati from the **Northwest Indiana Forum** on August 26, 2009. The purpose of the meeting was to provide information to the Forum from the perspective of municipalities for the Forum’s legislative agenda. The Commissioners stated that SEA 448, the elimination of personal property taxes for high tech businesses, and the need for dark fiber were items of discussion. The Commission requested copies of SEA 448.

The Commission discussed the possibility of creating a **foundation** for economic development and for public art.

The Director will send out a copy of the **Riverfront Development District Application** to all members for review. Changes will be made to conform to Ordinance 1433 currently under consideration by the Town Council. It provides for the review of an application by the Redevelopment Commission before the Council considers the request.

Adjournment: The Study Session was adjourned by voice vote at 9:50 PM.