

TOWN OF PORTER
Redevelopment Commission Meeting
303 Franklin Street
June 8, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Bruce Snyder announced that he has received a letter from Trevin Fowler announcing that he needs to resign because of a medical emergency and will need extensive rehab during the summer and would have to miss too many meetings.

Present: President Bruce Snyder, Vice President Al Raffin, Mike Genger, and Jon Granat

Also: Atty Lyp, Director of Engineering Matt Keiser, and Director of Public Works Brenda Brueckheimer, and Secretary Karen Spanier.

Absent: Ron Stone

Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to approve minutes of the May 25, 2010 meeting was made by Mike Genger, second made by Al Raffin. Motion passed 4-0.

Consideration of Claim Docket

Mike Genger made the motion to approve the May Claims in the amount of \$9,422.60 with Jon Granat making the second. Motion passed 4-0.

Audience Participation

Paulene Poparad of the Chesterton Tribune asked if Ron Stone is a member of the Redevelopment Commission. Attorney Lyp stated that about 2 years go the statute changed and states that a school board member in a district upon which the Town is be a Non voting advisory member to the Redevelopment Commission. He may participate and comment, but does not factor into quorums.

Reports

Engineering and Development:

Director of Engineering, Matt Keiser stated that the DEDC has awarded 3 Façade grants and that 2 are in the TIF district with the Redevelopments allotment totaling \$3,000. The names of the businesses are not known at this time.

SEH has begun traffic counting along Hwy 49 for the Gateway Project. The local stakeholder's interviews that SEH are conducting with everyone along the route is continuing and going very well.

Dunes/Kankakee Trail Update - We will be holding secondary interviews with the consultants for INDOT's Hwy 20& 49 intersection; which Porter County received Congressman Visclosky's grant money for. We had ten applicants submit RFP'S for that Trail and have reduced it down to two, and expect to make decision after completion of interviews.

Mr. Keiser gave the Commission Members a map (see attached) showing the different sections, jurisdictions and time lines for the six projects that are currently going on in our area for the Gateway Project.

Little Calumet Water Trail- Mr. Keiser announced he has again met with representatives of the Northwest Indiana Paddler's Association and have identified a few possible funding sources for the boat launch in the Hawthorne area. Although this is not a RDC project, Mr. Keiser wanted to let the Commission aware of what was happening around other project areas.

West Oakhill Road Project – The landscaping is now complete on the south side yards, the road has been resurfaced, and the driveways have all been replaced. The disturbance on the right-a-way of the north side has been graded and reseeded and the project from the RDC standpoint should be considered closed.

Workshop

In addition to RDC members, also present: Town Council President Michele Bollinger, Members Dave Babcock and Todd Martin, and Financial Consultant Karl Cender.

The Redevelopment Commission and Town Council held this joint workshop to gather information and share their thoughts and ideas for the purpose of Bonding Procedures needed to finance the sanitary-sewer upgrades.

After much discussion, the RDC by consensus authorized the preparation of a preliminary Bond Resolution. The term will be 15 years, with the option of paying off early with no penalties, and the amount not to exceed \$5.1 million; of which \$1 million will be paid by Town Council with CEDIT funds. The prepared Resolution will be presented at the June 22, 2010 meeting.

Commission Comments

Mr. Snyder requested an executive session be scheduled to discuss land acquisition.
Meeting will be June 29, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Granat made the motion to adjourn, with Al Raffin making the second.
Meeting Adjourn. 6:50 p.m.

Bruce Snyder, President

Albert Raffin, Vice-President

Jon Granat

Mike Genger

Attest: Karen Spanier, Secretary