

TOWN OF PORTER
Redevelopment Commission
303 Franklin Street
June 27, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: President Elka Nelson, Vice President Erik Wagner, William Lopez, Brian Finley, and Jeannine Virtue

Absent: John Marshall, non-voting member

Also Present: Attorney Laura Frost, Director of Development Mike Barry, MCR Consultant Matt Reardon, and Secretary Karen Spanier.

Brickyard Property Bid Opening

The RDC gave notice to accept bids for the sale of the Brickyard Property. There were no bids received to open.

MCR Consultant Matt Reardon stated with no one bidding on the property, the RDC would have to wait 30 days before negotiating with potential developers. If after that, there is still no interest the RDC can decide what they want to do with the property. A couple options would be to develop it as a park, or just leave it as it is.

Elka Nelson questioned if a public hearing should be set if the Commission wanted to confer with potential developers, after the 30 day waiting period.

Attorney Frost said a public hearing would need to be set in order for the resident's to have their say whether or not the property should be sold. Frost also stated the hearing would have no bearing on the determination of the final proposal.

Jeannine Virtue suggested the Commission set the public hearing for next month so the process can keep moving forward.

The Commission agreed, by consensus, to hold a public hearing at next months scheduled meeting.

Elka Nelson said she believes the RDC should start targeting other undeveloped areas. She stated they could perhaps Spot TIF certain properties that had a need for development. The intersection on 49 and U.S. 20 is an example of possible opportunities for future development.

There would have to be procedures set up that would have to include, and be approved by not only the RDC but also the Plan Commission and the Town Council.

Nelson asked Commission Members to give Director of Development Mike Barry their input on other areas in Town that could be developed.

Approval of Minutes

Jeannine Virtue made the motion to approve the April 25, 2017 minutes with William Lopez making the second.

Motion carried 5-0.

Consideration of Claims

Motion to approve the June claims as presented was made by Jeannine Virtue. Brian Finley made the second.

Motion carried 5-0.

Audience Participation

None

Reports

Barry had nothing new to report.

Attorney Frost had nothing to report.

Old Business

None

New Business

DK Trail Wetland Mitigation Contract

Director Barry announced as part of the last section of the DK Trail on 49, the part that goes through National Lakeshore there were Wetland areas that we had to mitigate. We are required to maintain these wetlands for 5 years, after which National Lakeshore will be responsible for.

This is a five year contract and we will be asking the RDA for reimbursement.

Jeannine Virtue made the motion to approve the Contract for Conservation Land Stewardship; contingent on the Attorney's review of the liability insurance, and termination clause.

Brian Finley made the second.

Motion carried 5-0.

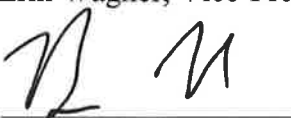

Commission Comments

None

Adjournment

Erik Wagner made the motion to adjourn. Jeannine Virtue made the second.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:33 p.m.


Elka Nelson, President
Erik Wagner, Vice-President
William Lopez, Member
Brian Finley, Member
Jeannine Virtue, Member

Attest: 
Karen Spanier, Secretary