

**TOWN OF PORTER**  
**Redevelopment Commission**  
**303 Franklin Street**  
February 22, 2022

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Present:** President Brian Finley, Erik Wagner, Russ Erwin

**Absent:** David Phillips and Allison Hultman

**Also Present:** Attorney Laura Frost, Director of Development Mike Barry, and Secretary Karen Spanier.

**Organizational Appointment**

Erik Wagner nominated Brian Finley as President. Russ Erwin made the second. With no other nominations, Motion carried 3-0.

Erik Wagner nominated Allison Hultman for Vice President. Russ Erwin made the second. With no other nominations, Motion carried 3-0.

Russ Erwin nominated Erik Wagner as Secretary. Erik Wagner made the second. With no other nominations, Motion carried 3-0.

Brian Finley nominated Karen Spanier as Recording Secretary. Erik Wagner made the second. With no other nominations, Motion carried 3-0.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the January 25, 2022 minutes was made by Erik Wagner, with Russ Erwin making the second.

Motion carried 3-0.

**Consideration of Claims**

Motion to approve the February claims as presented was made by Erik Wagner. Russ Erwin made the second.

Motion carried 3-0.

**Audience Participation**

None

**Reports**

Director of Development Mike Barry said last year the RDC approved SEH to apply for a Grant, this was postponed due to needing more information. This would have extended the Orchard Pedestrian Trail North up Waverly Rd. and tie into the DK Trail on Hwy 49.

Barry announced after a phone conversation with RDA they agreed to commit the remainder of our Grant Funds we have as a match, which is just under \$570,000.00. This project will be called the DK Extension and we are looking at two different alternate routes crossing over Hwy 49.

The only small snag right now is that INDOT would like to see a grade separation. Barry noted a grade separation would be a Bridge crossing over Hwy 49, which would be approximately 2 Million dollars. He is working on getting approval for a crossing similar to LaPorte or Michigan City which will save money.

The match for this Grant will be 20%.

Barry also stated that INDOT is doing the Engineering on the Waverly Rd Bridge with the Trail attached and NIRPC has agreed to pay up to \$800,000.00. This will leave the approximately \$200,000.00 we will have to pay; however not until 2024.

Attorney Frost had nothing to report.

**Old Business**

Business Improvement Grant

Barry stated he will forward all the information he has to all the Members for their review for the next meeting.

**New Business**

**Baker Tilly Annual Contract**

Motion to approve Baker Tilly Consulting Contract was made by Erik Wagner, with Russ Erwin making the second.

Motion carried 3-0.

**Commission Comments**

Brian Finley welcomed newly appointed member Russ Erwin to the Board.

**Adjournment**


Erik Wagner made the motion to adjourn.

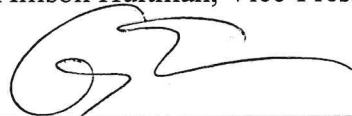
Meeting Adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

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David Phillips, Member

  
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Russ Erwin, Member

  
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Allison Hultman, Vice-President

  
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Greg Stinson, Member

Attest:   
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Karen Spanier, Recording Secretary