

HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 25TH, 2023

Members of the Highland Redevelopment Commission (RC Commission) met in person at Town Hall on Tuesday, April 25th, 2023. The Study session was called to order at 6:33 pm by President Sean Conley.

Present: Commissioners Sean Conley, George Georgeff, Alex Robertson, and Town Council President Tom Black were present in person at Town Hall. Commissioner Bill Leep was excused.

Additional Officials Present: Maria Becerra, Redevelopment Director; Susan Hale, Assistant Redevelopment Director; John Reed, Attorney; Pat Krull, Non-Voting Commissioner & School Town Representative

Also Present: None

General Substance and Discussion

1. Commercial Grant – The Commission discussed the Town Council’s comments about the commercial grant, and determined some changes that they would like to implement into the program. The Commission asked Town Council President Tom Black if he had heard any additional comments, as the only ones received were from Councilor Sheeman and Councilor Smith. The Commission received a list of grantees to date, which included the amount they received and approximately when they were awarded the money. President Sean Conley said he will research the tax increases for properties that have received the grant and determine how long it takes for the Town of Highland to get their money back from the commercial grant. The Commission also discussed the Belmonte reapplication, and reviewed previous plans for the property from the application submitted prior to any extensions.
2. Wayfinding Signs – The Commission was given an update on the Wayfinding Signs. They were informed that there will be mailers sent out shortly regarding what the businesses need to provide to be included on the signs. Director Maria Becerra relayed recent communications with VIA Marketing regarding needing to create a map and a website for the QR code to link to.
3. Highland Main Street – The Commission received updates on the Restaurant Crawl and the Farmers Market.
4. Highland Neighbors for Sustainability – The Commission was updated on what HNS has been up to, including their efforts towards SolSmart designation in Highland.
5. Commissioner Comments – The Commissioners shared any additional comments they had.

The meeting was adjourned by President Sean Conley at 7:30 pm.