

HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

STUDY SESSION MINUTES

MONDAY APRIL 1, 2024

The Highland Redevelopment Commission (“Commission”, “RC”) met in person at Town Hall on Monday April 1, 2024. The Study Session was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Vice President Doug Turich.

Roll Call: Commissioners Doug Turich, Phil Scheeringa, Tom Black, Alex Robertson and Commissioner, Pat Krull, were present in person at Town Hall. Commissioner, George Georgeff was excused

Other Officials present: Attorney John Reed. Director Maria Becerra

Safe Streets for All RPF Director Becerra is in the newspapers and on our website. I handed out the timeline for the proposals. I would like to ask for 2 commissioners to be part of the scoring would be available May 1 through May 13th. We are looking for engineers that specialize in Traffic analysis and Traffic Systems. Commissioner Black asked to be clear this is a request for proposals to put together the plan to submit for the Grant. Director Becerra stated that this is to out together a plan for future hard costs funding for up to 5 years.

Discussion on Town Plans Director Becerra we had spoken about review the plans that the Town has that are outdated. Did we want to request consultants to begin looking at the plans to update them. Commissioner Scheeringa stated that he did like the Park Dept 5-year plan, they did have a consultant. Ask Alex and the Clerk Treasurer and then we can go from there, it needs to be done. Commissioner Krull said that in the past they had looked at partnering with Purdue Northwest, maybe one of their engineering classes. Commissioner Robertson, said, yes, we need to look at being friendlier with the businesses. Maybe looking at having a subject to review or approval. Chester Construction the 2 Tony’s, but they did not come back with a lot of feedback, so definitely revisiting that. Commissioner Turich told Maria that he has come contacts at Purdue, he can set up a conversation.

Update on Appraisals for Indianapolis Director Becerra – both ordered as soon as those come in we will bring before the commission. The adjacent property owner has a letter of interest. The developer would like to know what would not be acceptable. Attorney Reed working on a list that has been used, of either too high traffic or problematic. Sometimes its best to do a PUD. Attorney Reed with get building standards and unwelcomed type businesses.

Discussion on Commercial Grant application. Director Becerra stated that we did receive an application for the Commercial Grant, it does not look like it falls into an eligible application. It is from Faith Church, they will be doing 3,100,000 in improvements for their building. They wanted me to ask if their commercial property would be eligible. Its not a complete application, just a rendering. And I did receive another inquiry from a non-profit that is the Fair Haven Rape Crisis Center. They were wondering if they change their signage, if they would be eligible for the grant. Also, we are out of funds, the funds we have this year are encumbered. Discussion continued, future discussions.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by President Georgeff at 6:26 PM.

DULY PASSED AND RESOLVED by the Highland Redevelopment Commission, Highland, Lake County, Indiana, this 8 day of April 2024, having passed by a vote 3 in favor and 0 opposed.

Highland Redevelopment Commission

President

ATTEST:

Secretary