

To: Mayor Buckley and Members of the Beech Grove City Council.

RDC meeting notes from January 21st 2016

For the month of January meeting the RDC covered the following areas.

- Payment of bills. The Invoice was for 299,519.85. January was for our bond payments. Total of the bond responsibilities were 242,153. Other bills were United consulting for 8984.00 (Churchman Ave sidewalks project), Crossroads engineering for 5824.1 (Greenway), Lewis & Kapps (RDC Layers).
- Good news from Mayor Buckley. Work permits have been pulled for the medical arts part of the St Francis hospital complex. It looks like St Francis is planning to reclaim this part of the property. Still no word on the hospital sections.
- Mayor Buckley also said the sidewalk project on Churchman Ave. is being bumped up. It now looks like it will be moved up a year.
- Beech Grove Station "AKA the Rock Pile", now has residents and is on schedule to be opened fully in April. There is also interest by the NPR group to build either new or on to Beech Grove Station.
- There is interest by a private party on obtaining the dump by Subway Ave., which is owned by the city of Beech Grove. The city owns the property but it is in a TIFF district and the RDC has oversight of the property. The RDC has decided to seek out what the party is interested in the property for and if it fits within what the community would want. Depending on what is found out the RDC has authorized two independent appraisals of the property. This is follow Indiana code 36-7-14. This process will take about 90 days.
- There was an article about Griffith, Indiana, turned their downtown around. It was discussed by board members. The following link is provided for your reading pleasure.
<http://www.chicagobusiness.com/article/20160115/ISSUE03/160119887/how-to-save-a-downtown>
- The Mayor had also mentioned sign ordinances, which are under the jurisdiction of Marion County. It was said that we could create a special zone, like Main Street from 1st to 13th Ave. This would allow the city to determine the look and feel of Main Street. The RDC is still working on grants to fix signage and store fronts on Main Street. It is hoped this could become reality later this year.
- The Board was also informed the Dr. Kaiser is going to present at the February RDC meeting a request for funds. There are projects the schools would like to finish and Dr. Kaiser would like the RDC's help. Mayor Buckley supports this. We will know more after the meeting.
- The Board would like to thank Ms. Lamping for coming to the meeting. It is the hope of the RDC that each council member will take a turn coming to a RDC

meeting. It is felt a better and stronger relationship, by the RDC and the City Council would be a good thing for the city.

Thank you for your time

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