

Beech Grove Redevelopment Commission Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2013

Stephanie Hubbard called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Stephanie Hubbard, Joe Griffin, Dawn Whalen, Cathy Chappel, Ron Mote, absent was Jennifer Spitz

Stephanie advised that the regularly scheduled meeting for March 21, 2013 was rescheduled due to lack of quorum

Reading of the Minutes:

Dawn read the minutes from the 1/17/2013 meeting into record. Joe requested amendment be made, amendments made and Stephanie made motion to approve minutes as amended, Cathy made 2nd, all approved, motion carried

Old Business:

Rock Pile: Stephanie announced that NRP group did not receive their funding for the project. They were 1.5 points short of getting what they needed. NRP has a meeting with the state to review the application and see where they were short on the point system at. They will continue to work on it, and are very close to getting where they need to be. Joe asked if NRP was going to show up and update us. Joe asked if there was no money for the project or if the Federal Grant program only does so many projects. Mayor Buckley and Stephanie stated that it had to do with the points they would get for various items, so it's just a matter of getting the points so that they can get the federal tax credits.

Stephanie also mentioned that she would be talking with Dan & Lynn to find out why the documentation we are submitting are not online, i.e., DGLF report, IDEM reports, links to the current Indiana code for the RDC, budget, projected revenue.

New Business:

Update to Comprehensive Redevelopment Plan. By law it is to be reviewed/updated every 10 years. Stephanie stated that we need to make a formal statement at the City Council meeting asking for input from the City Council, Mayor and public to update the Comprehensive Plan.

Joe asked if it was going to be open to the public, Stephanie said yes, we would have workshops to get input on the plan so that we can revise the plan.

Stephanie asked that Joe and Dawn speak to the City Council since they are the Councils appointees.

Stephanie stated that she has heard rumors that the RDC has some money that is due to the school system from the referendum. She stated that we do have the money to repay and that the DGLF/school needs to contact the RDC if that is the case and that we need to have that addressed before spending any additional money in the budget.

Bills to be paid:

Tim Showalter December bill for \$150.00, Dawn made motion to pay only Tim Showalters bill for the December 2012 Docket, Ron made 2nd, motion carried.

Lewis & Kappes- discussion regarding this invoice. We will have to pay charges related to CDC. Concerns with bills for email correspondence initiated by Craig Wiley to RDC members wanting to set up meeting with members to retain his services. Stephanie stated that the invoices need to be detailed as to what they are for.

Joe is concerned that we can be held personally responsible for bills not paid.

Stephanie stated Craig had indicated to her that he would not bill the RDC for small items, and he ended up billing the RDC for it anyway.

John Morgan posed the question that this was brought up in December and have we in 3 months been able to get this sorted out. Stephanie stated she had called him, he called her, she's called back and asked him to come and explain this and he has not done so to this point.

Cathy is going to draft/send a registered letter/return receipt to Craig Wiley asking the questions and for answers.

Lewis & Kappes invoice removed from docket.

Bill from 2/21/2013- Tim Showalter in the amount of \$200.00, Joe Griffin made a motion to pay that bill, Dawn Whalen made a 2nd, all approved motion carried.

Member Comments:

Stephanie read letter from Rick Skirvin re alcohol permit for restaurant he is opening in Churchman Hill Plaza.

Dawn Whalen mentioned email she received from Zia Brucaya with Indiana Complete Streets coalition, inviting public, elected officials, architects etc to a planning workshop for multi-modal planning.

Joe Griffin stated he had spoke with Jeff Peters re attorney that would fit in our budget and would be responsible. He said that Jeff does have an attorney that he will be bringing to the April RDC meeting.

Joe also presented a financial plan/budget from 2006 that he found. There was discussion as to whether it was a financial plan, or budget. He stated that he cautioned against stating the current RDC created the first budget.

Ron stated that we could be splitting hairs between what is a budget/financial plan. He stated when he puts together a financial plan for retirement, he doesn't consider that a budget.

Stephanie addressed the open door law, and the public access counselor that Joe had previously mentioned. Stephanie stated that based on what she has seen/heard in the last 15 months we've not been outside of this law. She wanted to briefly discuss what is and isn't a meeting. She reviewed the info in the open door law that was in the booklet that Joe provided. She stated that the brief information dissemination meetings that we hold prior to the public meeting are not outside of the law.

Stephanie also addressed the posting of the agenda, and stated that we are not required by law to use an agenda, but we choose to. As long as we have the agenda posted outside the meeting room prior to the meeting, there is not a time frame as to when we post the agenda, or when we change the agenda.

Dawn made a final statement that while we all and don't always agree with one another, we need to remember why we wanted to be part of the RDC. She raised her kids in Beech Grove, and her grandson will be raised in Beech Grove and she wants him to be proud of saying he is from Beech Grove. We need to try and work together for the good instead of trying to find fault in the other commission members. If we can't work together then we might as well not be on the commission.

Public Comments:

John Fairchild asked Joe Griffin what the concern with the 2006 budget vs. financial plan is, Is he concerned that there are obligations that aren't being met or what? Joe feels that by stating the current RDC created the first budget is incorrect. Cathy questioned if Joe was concerned that the previous RDC's would be upset that we are calling the budget we have the first budget. Joe said it is arrogant, and it's like rubbing it in the past RDC's face.

Meeting Adjourned

Dawn made motion to adjourn meeting. Ron 2nded and all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

CITY OF BEECH GROVE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Submitted by _____

Dawn Whalen-Secretary

Next meeting April 18th, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. location to be determined.