

RDC

July 18, 2013

The RDC meeting was called to order at 710pm, Thursday, July 18. Members present were President Joe Griffin, VP Ron Mote, Secretary Cathy Chappell and our newest member, Donald Webb.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Old Business

President Joe Griffin discussed his meeting with Dr. Kaiser from the BG Schools about forming a partnership with the RDC. Joe was invited to their August meeting.

Heather James, attorney at Ice Miller was also contacted about representing the RDC.

New Business

President Joe Griffin suggested that members Cathy Chappell and Ron Mote investigate Senate Bill 433 regarding foreclosed houses and the possibility of the RDC flipping houses. Former President John Morgan briefly discussed what he described as “blighted neighborhoods.” Dan McMillan stated there was also a commercial building on Main Street that was available. Joe also suggested he and Donald Webb would investigate the land fill and digital city. BG clerk treasurer Dan McMillan said that Digital City is not being used by the community. Joe and Donald both commented on the possibility of selling equipment purchased by the RDC.

Comments were made by non- members in attendance regarding their displeasure in the RDC trying to once again attempt to get digital city up and running. President Joe Griffin assured everyone he and Donald would only investigate options regarding the equipment and no money would be involved.

Guest Speaker

Joe B. Hoage, Indiana Public Access Counselor, was our guest speaker. The Indiana General Assembly created this office in July 1999. The roll of the office is to prepare and distribute interpretive and educational materials. They will send handbooks to interested parties or the information is also available online. He also talked in detail regarding the Indiana Open Door Law, which governs meetings of governing bodies of public agencies, and the Access to Public Records Act, which governs access to public records.

At the end of the question and answer period, President Joe Griffin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Secretary Cathy Chappell. All were in favor.