

## RDC Meeting September 17, 2015

The September meeting of the RDC was held at Beech Grove City Hall. It started at 7:00 pm (1900 hours). The members present included: President Donald Webb, Vice President Ron Mote, Secretary Cathy Chappell, Jannis King, and Mac Bellner. Tammy Storey did not attend. Mayor Dennis Buckley and RDC Attorney Robert Rund as were also in attendance.

Jannis King made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Ron Mote. Minutes were accepted.

The bills presented by President Don Webb totaled \$109,936.96. Those owed money included: payment for construction of new restrooms in Sarah Bolton Park, United Consultants, Crossroad Engineers, Lewis & Kappes and the sewer bill.

A motion was by Mac Bellner to pay the above-mentioned bills, seconded by Ron Mote and all approved.

Mayor Buckley presented some information regarding several topics of interest. Beech Grove Station has all the buildings up, roofs are on and the base coat of paving will soon be installed. The entire project is targeting March 2016 to be completed.

Mayor Buckley said he would be meeting with Blue Indy regarding at least one recharging station to be located in Beech Grove. More information will be available at a later date.

Property at Arlington and Churchman used to be owned by Refined Metals. The property is in a TIF district. It was sold to Excide Technologies and they have closed. Kinectrics Energy would like to acquire the property in March for expanding their facility: for semis and also office space.

The Beech Grove RDC funded the Churchman Project for 2015 but the city has budgeted funds for the year 2016.

CSX owns 170 acres north of the Amtrak facility. The property is also in a TIF District. CSX ha indicated they would like to develop the property either for heavy rail or semis.

Bethel Avenue has been paved and the cost was paid for by Indianapolis, not the city of Beech Grove.

The Greenway Project will be presented in October to the MPO. Applications must be submitted in November and results will not be released until February 2016.

Earlier in the day Mayor Buckley met with people from Indianapolis representing the Cultural Trail. The trail will connect with Fountain Square. The bike trail will connect in the year 2024.

Originally Mayor Buckley said he did not support Mass Transit , the orange line, because it stopped in Fountain Square. However, plans have changed and it will connect with Beech Grove.

President Donald Webb will be conversing with Jeff Peters regarding discussions for the 2016 RDC budget. Hopefully the topic can be listed on the agenda for the next RDC meeting.

Mayor Buckley did talk briefly about the “Big Box Stores” wanting to be reassessed at a lower value in order to reduce their taxes. Loews wants a 50% reduction. The mayor said this is not a local issue, but one facing communities everywhere.

Jannis King made a motion to adjourn; Cathy Chappell seconded it. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Chappell, RDC Secretary