

RDC

October 2013

The October meeting of the Beech Grove RDC was held at City Hall. RDC members present included President Joe Griffin, Secretary Cathy Chappell, and Jannis King. Vice President, Ron Mote, Donald Webb and Tammy Storey were absent. The meeting started at 7:17pm.

Joe Griffin made a change to the minutes regarding information originally sent to Dan McMillan from Craig Wiley and then forwarded to President Joe Griffin. Also, Donald Webb made a motion to not proceed with Hull and Associates regarding the borings made to the Rock Pile. It was seconded and motion carried.

Dan was on vacation and there were no bills to pay.

IHCDA Allen Rokowski arakowski@ihcda.in.gov He can be reached by mail at 30 South Meridian St., Suite 1000, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Questions regarding NRP should be addressed to this gentleman.

No news on Senate Bill 433.

City has taken over Digital City as far as Pres. Joe Griffin is concerned and any money made from the sale of equipment belongs to the city and not the RDC.

John Morgan said the basement has equipment from Digital City and 60% of the boxes have not been opened. Member Jannis King had questions regarding why the city can sell digital city equipment and none of those funds revert back to the RDC.

Joe Griffin expressed a desire to have additional law firms the RDC can go to with legal questions. Jannis King expressed her disapproval of attorney Heather James not attending a meeting she was asked to attend. Cathy Chappell expressed her concern with having several law firms to contact and not knowing which law firm would best answer our questions.

John Morgan asked what documentation was still missing regarding the donated land known as the rock pile. Joe stated proof of a second appraisal, proof of advertising and 2 resolutions to make the public aware of the property.

Former RDC President John Morgan recited guidelines on selling and donating property. John gave a copy of the missing 2nd appraisal to Joe Griffin and said it only took 45 minutes to retrieve the copy. Joe asked where he got the copy of the 2nd appraisal and John replied that it wasn't important who gave him the information, but at least now the RDC has proof a second appraisal did take place.

The 1st appraisal was \$250,000.00 and the 2nd was \$200,000.00. The RDC listed the property for \$350,000.00 but had no offers. For the 1st 30 days the asking price must remain the same as stated by Joe Griffin.

The city of Indianapolis gave the landfill to Beech Grove who in turn gave it to the RDC according to President Joe Griffin. The property, as we understand it was to be developed into a sports park however, there is still confusion over ownership. Hopefully, questions can be posed to the city council at their November meeting. Joe suggested we give the property back to Moorehouse and John Morgan said he heard returning the property was already being discussed by the city council.

Once again the comprehensive plan created by the original RDC was brought up in conversation. President Joe Griffin explained what he thought was the legal way to make changes. Several people in attendance discussed new ideas that should be added in the plan such as, flipping houses, paving the park entrance off 17th Street and even the construction of an amphitheater in the park.

The meeting came to an abrupt halt because of the arguing within the RDC and the failure of the members to make decisions regarding future projects and how to change the comprehensive plan created several years ago.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Chappell, RDC Secretary