

Beech Grove Redevelopment Commission Meeting Minutes
July 19th, 2012

John Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Jennifer Spitz, Eric Withem, John Morgan, Dawn Whalen, Stephanie Hubbard

Reading of the Minutes:

Dawn read the minutes from the June 21st, 2012 minutes into record. Eric made a motion to approve minutes as read, Stephanie made a 2nd, all approved.

Old Business:

Rock Pile- Eric advised that the NRP group is moving forward with plans to develop entire 7 acres into senior living/cottage style housing. They are working with state agencies to facilitate grants for clean up of the ground. Stephanie asked about a Community block grant, Eric advised that was one of the grants that they were looking into.

New Business:

John addressed that there are modems that were to be used for digital city, that are currently of no use to the city, and would like to see the items surplused so that we could hopefully recoup some money. Stephanie made a motion to get the approx 350 modems surplused/sold, Eric made a 2nd and all approved.

Additional Items:

Bills to be paid:

RDC Manual Claim in the amount of \$288743.75 to be paid. Eric made a motion to pay, Dawn made a 2nd, all approved.

Crossroads Engineers, total of \$6290.00 for vacation of plats of rockpile, \$105.04 to Peters Consulting for Maintenance of bonds, \$10.37 to Office Depot for mailbox for RDC grand total of \$6414.41. Stephanie questioned the payment to Peters Consulting as we are paying a bond maintenance fee to Regions Bank. John stated that the fee to Regions is a monthly fee like with a checking account and the fee to Peters Consulting is for managing the bond. Eric made a motion to pay, John 2nd, all agreed.

Public Comments:

Joe Griffin asked if digital city would be turned off anytime soon. John and Jennifer both advised that the police/fire and city hall use it. They did clarify this with the Mayor who was also in attendance. The Mayor indicated that the city is not paying anything for digital city and hasn't in quite some time.

Mayor Buckley announced there is a meeting with Crossroads Engineering regarding the Main Street Project on August 15th, 7:00 P.M. at the Senior Center.

Mayor Buckley also advised that either September 3rd or the 12th the project would get bid out.

Wednesday 7/25/12 at 8:00 am the wage hearing on the project. Since it exceeds \$250,000.00 it is required a wage hearing be held.

Stephanie asked if the question she had about the \$390.00 bond payment had been addressed. She wanted to make sure it wasn't be paid twice, as there is a blanket for the city regarding the liability insurance, and she wants to make sure we aren't paying a bill for a policy that should've been cancelled.

Eric suggested that we think about the possibility of building standards for rehab/refurbishment of buildings that are purchased.

Stephanie suggested a zoning overlay for Main/Emerson Ave, at the very least. Something that says going forward, once a property changes hands this is how things should look. Jennifer feels it will entice other business owners to come to Main Street if they see there is continuity, on the standards.

Joe Griffin brought up IRTIP and suggested we look into the info from that. He indicated that they identified Main St. & Emerson as Critical spots in Beech Grove and that Main Street is the only *true* Main Street in Marion county.

JoEllen asked if anyone had a vision for Beech Grove, and it was stated that Mayor Buckley has one, as well as the Comprehensive Development Plan for the city.

Stephanie stated the biggest problem with Beech Grove right now is it is a transient city currently, because there are so many renters.

Jo Ellen asked the status of Exide- John advised that he talked to Kyle Hendrix regarding that property, it is still under EPA control right now, not completely cleaned, may be about 1-1.5 years before it could become available.

Eric stated that he realizes it is sometimes felt that change needs to happen immediately with a new administration, but it takes continued effort and time to make changes.

John stated that in regards to Main St.- How long has it been going on, in regards to redevelopment, 2007-2008? Do we wait until we get more public input, do we spend more money to adjust the plan? When do we pull the trigger and do something with Main St.

Meeting Adjourned

Eric made motion to adjourn meeting. Stephanie 2nded and all approved

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

CITY OF BEECH GROVE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Submitted by _____

Dawn Whalen-Secretary