

## **RDC April 20, 2023, Minutes**

The RDC Meeting was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Beech Grove City Hall. The meeting started at 7:03 PM and ended at 8:40pm. All members were present including President, Matthew Kochevar, Vice President, Andrew Noone, Secretary, Cathy Chappell, Liz Laming, Lyn Weathers and School Board Rep Rob Challis.

Copies of the March minutes were given to each member. Liz Laming made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Andrew Noone. The motion carried.

Next was the presentation of the docket. The total amount due \$68,342.64. Vendors included Robertson Paving, Peters Franklin, and Lewis-Kappes. Cathy Chappell made a motion to pay the amounts presented and Lynn Weathers seconded. The motion carried.

Stephanie Bramlett, Director of the Senior Citizens, did a presentation regarding Safe Haven Baby Boxes. Having one at the EMS Station would allow mothers who cannot or choose not to care for their babies to leave them without any questions.

It would be available 24 hours a day for babies to be placed inside. An alarm immediately goes to 911 when the door opens and when the door closes, a second alarm goes off again at 911 and the EMS building. Someone will always be at the EMS station to make sure immediate attention is given to the child.

\$17,000.00 has already been approved by the Board of Works and the City Council. There are annual fees and additional expenses, and Stephanie would like the RDC to participate in funding this much needed Safe Haven. President Kochevar suggested the topic be brought up again at the RDC May meeting.

Rob Challis introduced TJ Moore and Misty Mack who run the Beech Grove Softball Association. Rob explained there is a major problem with the plumbing at the diamonds. One of the main lines at the restroom facility ruptured. The women's restroom along with the sink cannot be used until repairs are made. Also, the ice maker had to be replaced using concession money. Rob asked the RDC to consider giving up to \$6000.00 to the Softball Association. That would cover the plumbing repair and the ice maker.

Attorney Robert Rund and Mayor Buckley both stated this was a city issue regarding the sewer problem at the Softball Diamond. The plumber should fix the problem and invoice the city. Andrew Noone made a motion to donate \$2000.00 to the association for an ice maker and Cathy Chappell seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mayor Buckley updated the RDC on what's going on in the community:

1. Mayor Buckley and Cathy Chappell met with Zinkan & Barker
2. The property behind Amtrak is being cleaned up and will be primed for redevelopment in 2 years.
3. Work will start on Hornet Avenue at the end of May.
4. Shelby materials has completed the paving.
5. Share the cost of outdoor seating at O'Gara's and share the cost of new curbs on Main Street
6. Met with the owners of 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue Medical Building to discuss possible use of the facility.
7. INDOT awarded BG \$640,000.00 for paving.
8. 201 Bethel has started on new construction.
9. Hornet Greenway on track for bidding
10. Roundabout at 25<sup>th</sup> & Churchman waiting for Environmental Survey.
11. City awarded 1.725 million dollars for roundabout at Arlington and Hanna

President Matthew Kochevar read a long email from Zinkan & Barker regarding the Safeway Property.

Ben Easley from the Parks Board discussed the possibility of developing a park in the area of 16<sup>th</sup> and Detroit. He handed out information with photos of lighting and playground equipment. The current estimate for the total cost is \$670,643.86. It was suggested the RDC, and the Parks Board have a joint workshop to talk about future plans.

Artist Guy Gray presented a "face" of Steve McQueen to the commission. He discussed the price of the statue of McQueen standing 8 feet tall for \$115,000. With the statue sitting on a motorcycle for \$225,000.00. Guy let the members know McQueen's movie Bullitt is being remade by Spielberg with Bradley Cooper starring.

A motion to adjourn was made by Liz Lamping and seconded by Lynn Weathers. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cathy Chappell, Secretary