

## RDC Minutes August 21, 2014

The August 21, 2014 meeting of the BG RDC took place on the second floor of City Hall. The meeting began at 7:20pm (1920 hours).

Members present included President Donald Webb, Secretary Cathy Chappell, Jannis King, Mac Bellner and School Board Representative Tammy Storey. Vice President Ron Mote was absent.

Don Webb made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 2014 meeting. They were seconded by Jannis King. The motion passed.

President Don Webb stated that 86 units of Digital City had been removed.

Two motions were presented having to do with NPR and the Rock Pile. One motion was regarding consent to proceed. A motion was made by Mac Bellner and seconded by Jannis King. The motion carried. The second motion was regarding a pay agreement with the Brownfield Grant. Cathy made a motion and it was seconded by Mac Bellner. The motion passed.

President Don Webb said 86 units from digital city had been taken down. There are 10 left so there may be an additional PO in September. The RDC had one more payment to IPL in the amount of \$194.00.

The outstanding bills for the RDC in August included: Lewis & Kappes, Jackson Lewis Law Firm, Peters Financial Consultants, Hall and Associates. The total for all the above \$24,791.94. A motion was made by Jannis to pay the amounts mentioned and seconded by Cathy Chappell. The motion carried.

Mr. Frank Nierzwicki, from Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, was next to speak. He stated he would be bringing in a copy of the BG City Plan at the September meeting. He would be working on his final report. Frank also said the BG RDC needs to have a form for those wanting to discuss issues and those requesting RDC grant money.

Member Jannis King worked extremely hard on ideas to improve the signage in the business district of Beech Grove. Her plans are not complete, but still gave the members great ideas. Much discussion took place about how to decide the many options and how to get business owners to express their opinions. President Don Webb thought perhaps there could be a city wide meeting so people can express their opinions.

Regarding funding, the RDC will have to decide the amount of money they are willing to grant to help business owners. Also discussed was creating ordinances to require businesses to comply.

Dr. Paul Kaiser suggested approaching the Chamber of Commerce with their opinions about signage. The RDC members thought that would be a wonderful idea.

Jannis asked the group if they thought there should be an application fee for businesses and Don said he thought it should be \$250.00. The money would be refunded when the signage is approved. Also, Jannis stated she would investigate the Carmel, IN ordinance regarding signs and adjust it to meet the needs and likes of businesses in Beech Grove. Jannis might also check on Fountain Square and Zionsville.

President Donald Webb advised the group the RDC must work up a budget for 2015. The budget is voted on by the BG City Council.

Don also mentioned how he would like a digital sign on Emerson Avenue displaying events and information for the high school. And he wants to reach out to the parks department regarding their needs for 2015.

A lengthy discussion took place on what is expected of an RDC. Mention was made about trying to get the public more involved.

Don Webb made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Jannis King. The motion carried. The meeting lasted 1 hour and 22 minutes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Chappell, Secretary

