

RDC Minutes from October 21, 2021

The meeting was held on the 2nd floor of Beech Grove City Hall and started at 7:00pm(1900 hours). Members attending included President, Matthew Kochevar, Vice President, Liz Lamping, Secretary, Cathy Chappell, and James Siegman. Nathan Rinks participated via telephone.

First order of business was voting on the minutes from September 16, 2021. Liz Lamping made a motion to accept the minutes as read, James Siegman seconded, and the motion passed. Minutes from the Special Meeting on September 30, 2021 were also voted upon. Liz Lamping made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and seconded by Nathan Rinks. The motion carried.

Next on the agenda was the docket. The total amount of accounts payable was \$3,510.35. Lewis-Kappes had 3 invoices: \$1014.00, \$1220.20, and \$97.50. \$125.00 was due to RAI for membership and \$1051.65 due to Peters Franklin, the RDC financial consulting company.

Secretary, Cathy Chappell discussed with members the option presented by Trent Newport, from CrossRoads Engineering to research the construction of an amphitheater in Sarah T. Bolton Park. The fee would be \$4000.00. What would be included was pure speculation. Cathy suggested she speak with Trent and have more information available at the November 18 meeting. The members agreed they would like to vote on this after hearing more details about what all would the RDC get for the fee.

Mayor Buckley was not available to attend, but he asked Cathy to encourage the RDC to make a motion to give money towards the purchase of the property at 102 Main Street for the purpose of a future parking lot.

Cathy also announced Rhonda Cook will no longer oversee RAI but will be a member. She is starting her own consulting firm. Cathy suggested that we keep her in mind when we need guidance on projects. Rhonda did forward a contact list in hopes of getting information from other RDCs about their comprehensive plans. Rhonda also forwarded the name of two OCRA connections regarding grant writing.

I move that the Beech Grove Redevelopment Commission authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$157,000 to reimburse the City of Beech Grove for the acquisition of real estate located at 102 Main Street, Beech Grove, 46107, for the purposes of construction of the new city police station and Main Street parking, with the reimbursement to be made after the Beech Grove City Clerk-Treasurer notifies the Redevelopment Commission that the City has completed acquisition of the real estate through eminent domain proceedings or otherwise.

President, Matthew Kochevar presented the motion and seconded by Secretary, Cathy Chappell. The motion carried.

The RDC members received an email from a company called 1820 Ventures. This company has an interest in the property which was formerly Safeway Grocery. They would like to construct 150 multi family units. Jeremy Stephenson was invited to the October meeting but was unable to attend. Nathan Rinks will be the point of contact for the RDC.

Matthew stated he, along with Robert and Brian, attorneys for Lewis Kappes, will be contacting vendors for the purpose of assisting with either rewriting or at least making changes to the current comprehensive plan. The comprehension plan was created in 2008 and is outdated.

A motion was made by James Siegman and seconded by Nathan Rinks to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting ended at 7:42pm (1942 hours).

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Chappell, Secretary