

FORT HARRISON REUSE AUTHORITY BOARD MINUTES  
OCTOBER 15, 2007

The FHRA Board met in public session at 9120 Otis Avenue, FHRA conference room Lawrence, IN at 7:34 A.M.

FHRA Board Members Present:

Mr. Carl L. Drummer  
Mr. Dennis Charles  
Ms. Cheryl Sullivan  
Mr. Quake Pletcher

FHRA Staff

Ms. Cassandra Ashley-Jordan  
Ms. Doris Combs

Members of the Public

Ms. April Pyatt  
Ms. Kim Reeves  
Mr. Bret Dodd, RQAW  
Mr. Joe Weisinger, Shrewsberry  
Ms. Judy Byron  
Mr. Dave Coup, Lawton Loop Condos  
Mr. Hugh Dotson, Lawton Loop Condos

A copy of the public agenda is attached.

1. The first item on the agenda was the approval of the August minutes. Mr. Drummer called for a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Sullivan made the motion and Mr. Pletcher seconded. The vote was unanimous to approve.
2. The second item on the agenda is to approve the hiring of our Executive Director position which is Ms. Cassandra Ashley-Jordan. Mr. Drummer called for a motion to

officially accept Ms. Jordan as our Executive Director. Ms. Sullivan made the motion and Mr. Charles seconded. The vote was unanimous to approve the hiring. Mr.

Drummer stated the board appreciated all the individuals who applied and consulted with the Board to help with the search. Mr. Drummer welcomed Ms. Ashley-Jordan to the board and the Fort Harrison Reuse Authority.

Ms. Jordan stated she appreciated and was honored to accept the position and it was a wonderful opportunity.

3. The third item on the agenda was an update on VLB. Mr. Brett Dodd, RQAW stated that had received the drawings and specifications and an evaluation assessment report of the existing buildings. These were issued to Schneider for their review and consideration, also SHIPO, David Duvall. An early site package was sent out; numbers have been received back and currently there are entitlement negotiations ongoing. VLB anticipates getting started on the site in the near future.

As for the lawsuit, Ms. Basham's lawyer has put together a final letter of acceptance of agreement for tenants to drop the lawsuit. The final detail was the litigant preferred to have control over all the improvements; they came to agreement over the amount of dollars and how they are going to allocate those funds. VLB anticipates having the letter signed today or the end of this week at the latest.

Ms. Sullivan stated that Mr. Dodd has reported VLB would get started in the near future.

She asked him to define what is “in the near future”.

Mr. Dodd replied that Giliattee is evaluating the site numbers; Giliattee will meet with Ms. Basham and make a recommendation on the contractor so they can get started on the site which is one of the first thing that needs to be done in order to get the framing moving. The demolition is completed except for some select demolition that needs to be done directly with the construction. Windows will not be taken out until new windows arrive so the buildings can be kept secure. The near future means that hopefully VLB will have an agreement on the contract this week with the site contractor to get started on the project next week.

Ms. Sullivan asked Mr. Dodd to follow up with the Reuse Authority when the contract is finalized. Mr. Dodd stated he would.

Mr. Charles asked if there was a revised timeline. Mr. Dodd stated VLB anticipated the same timeframe, just compressing the schedule. VLB still anticipated the end of April or early May time period. Design has started on the remainder of the buildings. There has been some discussion about doing a series of flats as opposed to townhouses; the feeling is they (flats) may be more marketable

Mr. Charles stated the board would like to get a revised timeline each time VLB gives an update.

Mr. Dodd stated he would have one sent to the FHRA office.

4. The fourth item on the agenda is an update from Browning. Ms. Reeves asked the board to approve contract for road engineering design. This would include improvement of Wheeler from 56<sup>th</sup> Street to 59<sup>th</sup> Street which would include parking along the street. In addition, there would be improvements to Hawkins, Birtz, Rising and Otis Avenue. Browning bid out the contract to three different company's. Browning is recommending Cripe. They came in with the lowest bid

Ms. Reeves stated Browning is recommending that design work be done during winter months and start construction in the spring of 2008.

Ms. Sullivan asked the Cripe would meet the MDE/WBE. Ms. Reeves stated Cripe is an MBE and has submitted documents.

Ms. Sullivan asked when the residents see completion of the project? Ms Reeves stated that construction would start in the spring and it would probably take a couple of months.

Ms. Sullivan asked if by end of summer 2008 the entire project would be completed and Ms. Reeves replies yes; there may be some issues with site acquisition. Kent/Rising make take longer because that is the road that is expected to go through and there is no road now.

Mr. Drummer made a motion to accept a bid of \$223,295 from Cripe Architects and Engineering who was the lowest bidder in this process. Mr. Charles made the motion and Mr. Pletcher seconded. The vote was unanimous to accept the bid.