

BOARD MINUTES
Monday, December 16, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

The FHRA Board met in public session at 9001 E. 59th Street, Public Assembly Room, Lawrence, IN at 5:30 p.m. Meeting was called to order by Board President, Russell Brown.

Members present in person: Russell Brown, Karen Horth Powers, Trace Yates, Dion Adkisson, Zechariah Banks

Staff Present: Keith Johnson, Heather Millikan, April Pyatt

Mr. Brown opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. and stated all five members were present in person and so there was a quorum.

Secretary Treasurer, Ms. Horth Powers stated that copies of the financial reports were available in the back. She also stated the 2023 audit is complete and copies will be available for the public. No one had questions or comments.

The first item of new business was approval of November 18, 2024 board meeting minutes that were previously circulated to the board and no changes were recommended. Mr. Banks made a motion for approval. Ms. Horth Powers seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The next item of new business was Resolution 2024-04 which authorized a Purchase Agreement of 5405 N. Post Road. That piece of property was intended to be potentially work force housing by INHP, but they were unsuccessful in getting the tax credits. The property then came on the market and the FHRA entered into an agreement and agreed upon a purchase price. Mr. Yates made a motion for approval of the resolution 2024-04 and it was seconded by Mr. Adkisson and the board passed the motion unanimously.

The next item of new business was a Proposal with Studio Axis for Conceptual (re)Development of Otis Avenue. Mr. Johnson stated this is an agreement with Axis who have done some design work and planning for the FHRA earlier and this would be an agreement for them to dream and create pictures for how to re-envision Otis Avenue. He stated this is a \$30,000 lump sum and it has been previously circulated to the board. Mr. Adkisson made a motion, and Ms. Horth Powers seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The last item of new business was an agreement for professional services with Rundell Ernstberger Associates (REA) Inc. for master planning for Lawrence Community Park. Mr. Johnson explained that earlier he discussed with the Mayor, the Lawrence Parks Board and Eric Martin how FHRA could help reimagine Lawrence community park as it is in the FHRA area footprint. They would like assistance to do a master plan to re-envision and improve Lawrence Community Park.

Mr. Cecil Penland with REA addressed the board and answered questions. He stated REA does civil engineering, planning, construction inspection and urban design within the firm. He explained the process in three phases. The first would be discovery to get to know the community thru meetings and stakeholder open houses and will summarize the data. Next they will develop conceptual plans based off the meetings and then will do a final presentation using all the data. He stated the process will take about six months.

Mr. Yates asked how non stakeholders could solicit input. Mr. Penland said they could assist in sending out postcards to neighbors and they could attend the open houses and also online surveys.

Mr. Brown stated it would be ideal to have a joint meeting with FHRA and the Parks board since FHRA will be funding this portion of the project, but the parks will drive some of the effort. He feels getting Jeff Vest to participate would be very helpful since he serves on the parks board and formerly on the FHRA board.

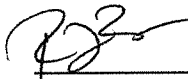
Mr. Brown also stated that part of the reason FHRA is doing this is FHRA has contributed to projects thru either direct contributions and in-kind for the park's projects in the past and it is in line with the purpose of

the FHRA. Ms. Horth Powers made a motion, and Mr. Banks seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.


Mr. Johson gave an Executive Director's update. He stated 56th Street and Otis will be the priority focus next year. Keystone has some ground movement and underground utilities are being planned for that development. He stated we look forward to a groundbreaking with Foamcraft this year for a mixed use development. They have plans for a signature restaurant and other retail. We also have the MSDLT admin building coming along and the start of 18 Davis Townhomes going vertical.

Mr. Brown wanted to make a public statement about Triton Brewing's closure. He stated that the last five years have been hard on craft breweries. He stated that they have been a positive part of the community for the last 13 years and will be missed.

There were no additional questions from the public. Mr. Brown stated the next meeting is the statutorily required meeting on January 6, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Yates made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Adkisson seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.



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