

BOARD MINUTES
Monday, December 18, 2023, 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 Mr. Jeff Vest. A quorum was met.

Members present in person: Jeff Vest, Karen Horth Powers, Russell Brown
Staff Present: Heather Millikan

Mr. Vest opened the meeting and stated there was a quorum.

New Business:

The first item of new business was to open a Public Hearing on the proposed amendment to the Declaratory Resolution of the creation of Harris and Ford Properties, LLC allocation area and amendment to the plan.

Since there were no comments from the public, Mr. Vest closed the public hearing.

The next item of new business was approval of Resolution 2023-09 which is a resolution of the Fort Harrison Reuse Authority amending the FHRA TIF area.

Mr. Bruce Donaldson with Barnes and Thornburg came forward to address the resolution. Mr. Donaldson stated the resolution would basically excise the site of the Harris and Ford expansion project out of the large FHRA TIF allocation area and create its own standalone TIF area to allow for a developer TIF bond or a project specific TIF.

Mr. Donaldson also asked to address the next Resolution 2023-10 on the agenda which would pledge 75% of the TIF generated by that area to the developer TIF bonds if and when approved by the Lawrence City Council and it is currently pending before the Council. The FHRA's role is to create the area and put the pledge in place and it then moves on to the Council.

Mr. Brown stated that this concept of creating and pledging funds has the support of the FHRA Board and it is his understanding and wanted it on the record that it has the support of the full FHRA Board. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-09. Ms. Horth Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Next item of new business was approval of Resolution 2023-10 which is a resolution of FHRA pledging certain TIF revenue from Harris and Ford Properties, LLC allocation area to bonds of the city of Lawrence. This Resolution was previously explained by counsel, Mr. Donaldson. Mr. Vest called for a motion. Mr. Brown made a motion and Ms. Horth Powers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Next item of new business was approval of Resolution 2023-11 which is a resolution conveying certain property to Young Men's Christian Association ("YMCA") of Greater Indianapolis.

Mr. Vest gave a brief history of establishing the YMCA at Fort Ben from his earlier years on the FHRA board. He stated in 1995 people expressed they wanted a library and a YMCA. At the time there were two board members opposed to bringing the YMCA to Fort Ben but they were able to make it happen. Mr. Vest stated what a great partnership it has been all of these years with the YMCA and all their programs and the close relationship the YMCA has with Lawrence Township Schools.

Mr. Brown stated that as someone who walks to the YMCA from his home in Fort Ben, he is very happy that the YMCA is part of the community. He stated that his first official act as Lawrence Township Trustee was to go to the ribbon cutting for the outdoor pool and he appreciates the YMCA very much.

Mr. Vest asked for a motion for Resolution 2023-11. Mr. Brown made a motion and Ms. Horth Powers seconded the motion. Resolution 2023-11 passed unanimously.

Ms. Millikan thanked everyone present from the YMCA. She stated Jenny Sera has always been great to work with and the YMCA has been a tremendous community partner for many years and congratulations.

Mr. Greg Hiland, President and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis stated that he was on the original transition team for the YMCA. Now almost 26 years later it has been a remarkable partnership when people work together. He stated that partnerships and collaborations are hard. If you want to go fast you go alone but if you want to go far you go together. YMCA has been honored to be a partner with the FHRA along this journey. He stated that the YMCA has invested nearly \$10 million in the facility since they started operations there and provided over \$4 million in assistance to people in the community. They love it here and would like to be at the Fort another 50 to 100 years. He also stated it would be remiss if he didn't mention Norris Lineweaver and Tom Crouch who got them to this point. He thanked the staff and board that were present.

The next item was approval of the November 21, 2023 meeting minutes. There were no changes suggested by the board. Ms. Horth Powers made a motion for approval of the minutes and Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.


Mr. Brown stated that since an election happened there would be changes to the FHRA board. Mr. Brown wanted to thank this board. He thanked Mr. Vest for the opportunity to work with him and his service to the board as well as Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Johnson.


Update from Executive Director:

Ms. Millikan gave the following report:

- The Village of Merici have started construction on the rehabilitation of the Brunette building on Lawton Loop East to convert it to condos.
- The Purple Line terminus structure work in the Ivy Tech parking lot has resumed. Completion expected in early spring.
- Lawrence Winterfest activities at Civic Plaza will wrap up the weekend before Christmas.

There were no additional questions or comments from the public or the board, and the meeting was adjourned.


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