

**BOARD MINUTES**  
**Monday, February 15, 2022, 5:30 p.m.**

The FHRA Board met in public session at 8950 Otis Avenue, 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, Jason Fenwick, Russell Brown

**Members present by phone:** Lacy Johnson

**Staff Present:** Heather Millikan

Mr. Vest opened the meeting by announcing that Ms. Dunston has resigned from the FHRA to start a new role as Executive Director at Develop Indy. Mr. Vest stated Aletha will be still working with the FHRA behind the scenes thru the transition with the new acting Director, Heather Millikan.

There was nothing new to report by the treasurer.

**New Business:**

First item of new business was approval of the January 3, 2022, board meeting minutes. There were no changes suggested by the board. Mr. Brown made a motion for approval of the minutes as submitted and Mr. Johnson seconded. A roll call was taken, and all five board members were in favor of approval of the minutes.

Next item of new business which was not an item on the original agenda was acceptance of an agreement to engage Wilhelm Construction to perform a parking garage six-week feasibility study for \$20,000. Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the agreement with Wilhelm Construction and Mr. Brown seconded the motion. A roll call of board members was taken, and all five board members voted in favor of accepting the agreement.

**Update from Executive Director:**

Ms. Millikan stated the FHRA closed on the final 10 lots of Phase 3 at David Weekley Homes. Final punch list items should be completed at Phase 3 sometime in late spring and the residents will be able to take over the HOA very soon. The Hilton Tru 98-room hotel will be completed soon and should be having a ribbon cutting and opening for business this summer. The FHRA closed on the Indianapolis Public Library at parcel J at 56<sup>th</sup> and Melner and Otis and are planning for a groundbreaking in the spring. Parcel C which is just north of the Post Road ravine will be an 18-unit townhome project and will be breaking ground in the summer. The Civic Plaza project has gone out to bid for the second time. Ms. Millikan asked all attendees to please spread the word about the project going out to bid with any construction contractors you may know. Finally, the Purple Line work will be starting in 2022. There are electronic billboard signs at 56<sup>th</sup> and Post Road and on Wheeler Road by the Ivy Tech building. The exact construction schedule effecting Fort Ben is unknown at this time but that will be announced a few weeks before construction starts. The FHRA and City will be spreading the word on social media as they learn more.

- The Lawrence State of the City will be on Thursday, March 3, 2022, from 11:30 – 1:00 at the MSDLT Community building at 6501 Sunnyside Road. You can register with the Greater Lawrence Chamber of Commerce.
- Unless an exception is made, all board meetings will be held the 3rd Mondays at 5:30pm in the Public Assembly Room of the Lawrence Government Center at 9001 E. 59th Street.
- Please follow [@FortBenIN](#) on Facebook and [@FortBen\\_IN](#) on Twitter – and invite your friends!

Mr. Johnson stated that he wanted to be sure that Jackie Nytes was invited to the library groundbreaking.

**Adjournment:**

There were no questions from the public and Mr. Vest stated the next meeting is on Monday, March 21st at 5:30 p.m. at the Lawrence Government Center and the meeting was adjourned.

