

**BOARD MINUTES**  
**Monday, April 19, 2021 5:30 p.m.**

The FHRA Board met in public session at 9001 E. 59<sup>th</sup> Street, Lawrence Government Center 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, Jason Fenwick, and Lacy Johnson present by phone.

**Staff Present:** Aletha Dunston, Heather Millikan

Mr. Fenwick had no Treasurer's report at this time.

**New Business:**

First item of new business was adoption of March 15, 2021 board meeting minutes. Mr. Vest asked for a motion. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Horth Powers seconded the motion. A board member roll call was taken, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Authorization of Resolution 2021-02 to convey that certain building and adjacent structures, formerly located at 5803 Lawton Loop East Drive, Lawrence, Indiana 46216 and commonly referred to as the former Communications Building and new Visual Arts Center in its new location at 8970 Post Road to the City of Lawrence, Indiana in accordance with terms depicted in the transfer agreement. Mr. Fenwick made a motion and Ms. Horth Powers seconded. A roll call vote of the board was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Authorization of Resolution 2021-03 to convey Type 210 alcoholic beverage permit No. RR49-33352 to Beer Baron LLC. in accordance with negotiated terms and approved transfer agreement. Ms. Horth Powers made a motion and Mr. Fenwick seconded. A roll call vote of the board was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Authorization of Resolution 2021-04 - authorizing the approval of the transfer agreement with the Lawton Loop East Condominiums, Inc. for the conveyance of the FHRA Property known as 5803 Lawton Loop East to LLE Condos in exchange for the acquisition of a certain parcel of real estate located in Marion County, Indiana to the east of 5745 LLE and more particularly depicted in the transfer agreement. Mr. Fenwick made a motion and Ms. Horth Powers seconded the motion. A roll call vote of the board was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Authorization of Resolution 2021-05 for execution and performance of project agreement for conveyance of land commonly known as Parcel C at 5747 Post Road to Davis Building Group, LLC for development of 18-market rate townhomes, subject to necessary changes by board officers or executive director. Ms. Horth Powers made a motion and Mr. Fenwick seconded the motion. A roll call vote of the board was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Update from Executive Director:**

Ms. Dunston stated that the Cultural Campus that is a partnership between Arts for Lawrence and the City of Lawrence will be done and celebrated in May at Post and Otis. Civic Plaza where the farmers market and Fridays at the Fort are normally held is currently under design and should break ground this fall and open next spring to the public with some hardscape features and benches and art installations for people to enjoy. Across the street the 98-room Hilton Tru Hotel has broken ground and construction is underway and scheduled to open next spring. The Library at 56<sup>th</sup> and Melner should be thru design and open to the public by the beginning of 2023. The library will need to do a whole new collection and hire a new staff for the new library. FHRA is closing on five more lots at the David Weekley Homes phase 3 neighborhood and there will be 19 available lots remaining.

Mr. Vest wanted to call out Mr. Trace Yates who was present who he is overseeing the Parks Board Foundation and they are in the process of a massive tree planting at Veteran's Park. Mr. Vest wanted to thank Mr. Yates for his efforts.

News at the Fort:

- State of the City Address – The Garrison – Rescheduled to May 12th 11:30-1:00 pm – register with the Greater Lawrence Chamber
- Fort Ben Cultural Campus ribbon-cutting event planned for May 22<sup>nd</sup>
- The Otis Grand Opening event planned for June 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm
- 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.
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Mr. Bruce Hugon of Lawton Loop asked about the status of the PX building. Ms. Dunston stated there was a Call for Offers for the PX building and the FHRA received five very solid offers and has narrowed it down to one. Ms. Dunston stated FHRA is negotiating with them and hope to have a final project agreement in May to present to the board.

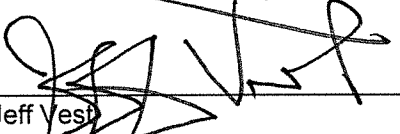
Mr. Trace Yates of Lawton Loop asked about the resolution passed for the Davis townhomes. Ms. Dunston stated Parcel C which is at 5747 Post Road just north of the ravine is about a one-acre parcel and Davis Homes has proposed 18 market rate townhomes. This resolution is for the project agreement phase and then they would proceed with design and permitting. Ms. Dunston stated that Davis Homes is excited and thinks this project will move quickly.

A resident asked if the townhomes would take up the entire site. Ms. Dunston stated yes it would be the entirety of the parcel. The resident stated her friend who is another area resident was concerned about the plans taking all the empty green space. Ms. Dunston says that parcel lies within the historic part of the Fort and will be held to a higher standard.

The next public meeting will be at the Lawrence Government Center Public Assembly Room on May 17, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Masks are required to attend.

**Adjournment:**

There were no further questions from the public and Mr. Vest adjourned the meeting.

  
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Jeff Vest  
President

  
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Jason Fenwick  
Secretary-Treasurer

  
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Karen Horth Powers  
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