

Fort Harrison Reuse Authority Public Board Meeting
BOARD MINUTES
Monday, August 26, 2019

The FHRA Board met in public session at 9120 Otis Avenue, FHRA conference room, Lawrence, IN at 5:30 p.m. Meeting called to order by Jeff Congdon. Quorum was met.
Members Present in Person: Jeff Congdon, Russell Brown, Karen Horth Powers, Lacy Johnson, Curtis Bigsbee
Staff Present: Aletha Dunston, Heather Millikan, April Pyatt, Kim Reeves

Update from the Secretary Treasurer:

Mr. Brown stated the monthly Profit and Loss reports were available for the public. The 2018 audit has been finalized and it was a clean audit. He thanked the FHRA staff for their work.

New Business:

Update from Executive Director:

Ms. Dunston stated one of the final buildings remaining is the former PX building on Lawton Loop East and there is a contract to go out to bid to develop the road around that building. That will also trigger the Village of Merici to be able to purchase the building to the south and expand their operations. Parcel J is still moving forward. The FHRA is working with the library on the design and potentially the Lawrence Township Schools Administration. FHRA is still talking about a public parking garage and working with the hotel to potentially flip to Parcel B. FHRA is working with Cityscape Residential for 250 new multi-family luxury apartments. They will be a four-story design along Otis and then three-story along Civic Plaza. The state has finally released the \$200,000 LWCF grant that was held up so work can start on Civic Plaza after the last scheduled event at Civic Plaza in September.

David Weekley will be working on 69 additional homes in Lawrence Village. The Purple Line has been pushed back a bit. The FHRA is still waiting on a timeline for that. The FHRA is actively in a sale of the FHRA building. There will be 45 days to vacate after the closing. The FHRA will let the public know where the next meetings will be held.

Tom Marten asked what will be done with the PX building. Mr. Congdon stated we are putting out an RFP to determine what people would like to do with it. The building has been remediated and is ready for a new use. Once the RFP goes out, everyone's feedback is welcome.

Ms. Dunston said the FHRA will be working with Indiana Landmarks on a joint marketing campaign to get that information out. Mr. Congdon stated that once bids are back, and paving is done it will all take on a new look.

Approval of Minutes:

First item of new business was approval of meeting minutes from June 17, 2019. Mr. Bigsbee made a motion and Mr. Brown seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Next item was approval of the Special meeting minutes of June 25, 2019. Mr. Bigsbee made a motion and Mr. Brown seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Next item was approval of the July 15, 2019 meeting minutes. Mr. Johnson made a motion for approval of the minutes and Ms. Horth Powers seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Next item of new business was approval of the Engagement Services Agreement for Barnes and Thornburg as bond counsel for the multi-family project known as Parcel J-north per the engagement letter of August 11, 2019. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the agreement and Mr. Johnson seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Final item of new business was approval of the Veridus Group Agreement as Project Manager and Owners Technical Rep for the PX access road project. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the agreement and Mr. Brown seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

News at the Fort:

Ms. Dunston gave an update on community activities at Fort Ben:

- Village of Merici 5th Year Anniversary Open House – Wednesday, August 28
- Lagers in Lawrence Oktoberfest- Saturday, September 21 – Civic Plaza
- Annual GLCC Membership Lunch – Thursday, October 3rd, Garrison Conference Center
- Fort Ben Farmer’s Market – Thursdays from 4pm-7pm until the end of October
- Hoosier Trail Rides at Fort Harrison State Park open March-October – 9am-5pm (weather permitting)
- Lawrence Town Hall Mayoral Debate – October 10th – Lawrence Central H.S.
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The next public meeting will be at the Lawrence Government Center on September 16th at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Dunston stated the FHRA will have some office furniture available if anyone knows of a business or organization that may be interested in some second-hand furniture.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Bigsbee and seconded by Mr. Brown and the meeting adjourned.

Approval:

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