

**Fort Harrison Reuse Authority Public Board Meeting  
January 7, 2019  
9120 Otis Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46216**

**MINUTES**

Meeting called to order by President Marci Reddick at 5:30 PM. Quorum was met.

**Members Present in Person:** Marci Reddick, Jeff Congdon, Curtis Bigsbee, Andrew Miller

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

**Update from the Secretary Treasurer:**

Mr. Brown was not in attendance. The monthly financials were available for the public. Ms. Reddick stated the 2019 budget will be available for the February meeting.

**Update from Executive Director:**

Ms. Dunston stated that the FHRA building is on the market. The FHRA would like to stay in the building for as long as possible however if it becomes owner occupied than the FHRA will move to another location.

The FHRA is still in talks with the Indianapolis Public Library about the new branch located on 56<sup>th</sup> Street. The FHRA is still in conversations about a public parking garage as part of the Hilton Tru Hotel and a three-story mixed-use building along with a restaurant fine dining concept.

Civic Plaza will receive some improvements in the next year. The FHRA is very hopeful to receive a \$200,000 grant from Department of Natural Resources for the improvements that will make the site handicapped accessible.

All lots of Phase 1 and 2 at The Residences at Lawrence Village have been sold. Phase 3 with an additional 60 lots have broken ground and are being developed now. Paving is planned when the weather breaks.

The FHRA is still working on transferring the former PX building to Context Landscape Architecture. The FHRA has had questions about development of a road and public right of way to connect the buildings back to the Loop. That will add more accessibility for the businesses to connect to the loop and will add extra public parking spaces.

**New Business:**

**Approval of Minutes:**

Ms. Reddick introduced meeting minutes from November 19, 2018. Ms. Reddick requested that the November minutes be tabled to the February meeting.

Ms. Reddick asked for board approval of the 2019 board meeting calendar. Mr. Miller made a motion and Mr. Congdon seconded and the calendar was approved.

**Election of 2019 Board Officers:**

Ms. Reddick stated she has had discussions individually with the board and at the executive session meeting. Ms. Reddick currently serves as board president and is willing to serve another year. Jeff Congdon has served as vice president for several years and is willing to continue to serve and Russell Brown is willing to continue to serve as secretary treasurer of the board. Mr. Bigsbee stated he would like to continue to keep the board the same as last year. Mr. Congdon stated he would also like to keep the same slate and Mr. Bigsbee seconded the motion. Ms.

Reddick stated this is one of the best boards she has worked with in her 40 years of practicing law. The board is extremely engaged and has a great balance and staff to work with. The board unanimously voted in favor of keeping the same officers.

**Resolution 2019-01:**

Ms. Reddick stated that Resolution 2019-01 is a resolution ratifying the Parcel G Purchase Agreement with David Weekley Homes to develop another parcel into nine single family homes. Ms. Dunston stated it will allow six facing the road and three facing the pond. Ms. Reddick stated the FHRA is very happy David Weekley continues to develop in our community. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the resolution and Mr. Bigsbee seconded. The resolution passed.

**News at the Fort:**

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

- Please like **@FortBenIN** on Facebook and **@FortBen\_IN** on Twitter – and invite your Friends  
There is a Mess Tent Challenge coming up at the Fort and the FHRA would like everyone to check out all the different restaurants.
- Community & Economic Development Roundtable Breakfast – January 11 at the Sterrett Center
- There are dates for the HOA meetings for The Residences at Lawrence Village. The first meeting is Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the FHRA building. The other meetings are May 28<sup>th</sup>, August 28<sup>th</sup> and November 6<sup>th</sup>.

A resident at the neighborhood voiced his concern about not being called back by Omni Management after leaving several messages. Ms. Dunston assured him that the FHRA is working with a new manager and encouraged all residents to report any issues on Omni's online help desk. Ms. Dunston stated the FHRA will have a meeting with Omni to get dates out to residents.

Ms. Dunston stated that Arts for Lawrence is receiving a \$5.8 million grant from Lilly Endowment. Arts for Lawrence will have a stage in the parking lot and will buy the bank parking lot for additional parking. The FHRA will donate a former communications building that will be relocated and used by Arts for Lawrence. Ms. Dunston explained that will all take a few years to accomplish but the FHRA will still be developing Civic Plaza in conjunction to the Arts for Lawrence project.

Ms. Dunston explained there will be 250 additional apartments built on Parcel J north all the way across to Lee Road.

A resident asked about a stop sign at the intersection of Otis and Lawrence Village Parkway due to the visibility issue. Ms. Dunston stated the FHRA has spoken to City of Lawrence DPW and they can't do anything until traffic counts warrant it.

Mr. Jerry Clifford asked about the timing of the new apartments. Ms. Dunston stated the new deal will take longer than the last deal because of a different financing option so it could be a year.

Mr. Clifford asked where the FHRA stands with the library. Will the FHRA building or will the library build it and when will that start. Ms. Dunston stated the library will build their own building and maybe as soon as this spring or summer. Ms. Reddick stated they are still wanting to finish construction in 2020 on Parcel J.

A resident asked if the FHRA board oversees the architectural process. Ms. Dunston stated it's a committee that oversees it. Ms. Reddick explained the FHRA follows a Planned Unit Development with standards that has been in place for the entire village since 2007.

A resident wanted further explanation on a stop sign at Otis and Lawrence Village Parkway. Mr. Bigsbee stated he is an appointment of the Council and the Council can enact an ordinance regarding these types of things. Mr. Bigsbee stated he will talk with the councilor for the FHRA district and see what her thoughts are in putting a stop sign there.

A resident asked about the Purple Line. Ms. Dunston stated there are no changes with the route but if things change then they could add an extra stop by Civic Plaza.

Mr. Trace Yates asked if there was an update on the Hotel. Ms. Reddick stated it is coming together now. The final piece is the financing of the parking garage and the FHRA will be meeting with the Mayor soon about that. Ms. Dunston stated the FHRA had to start over with a new developer and development agreement so that project was paused a little longer than the FHRA hoped.

A resident asked if Triton Brewery could adjust their security lighting, so they are not pointed directly at the homes. Ms. Dunston stated Triton has been a great community partner and she would be happy to reach out to them.


**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Congdon and seconded by Ms. Reddick and the meeting adjourned.

**Approval:**


By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Secretary/Treasurer

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

  
President