

FORT HARRISON REUSE AUTHORITY BOARD MINUTES  
Monday, October 19, 2015

The FHRA Board met in public session at 9120 Otis Avenue, FHRA conference room, Lawrence, IN at 5:30 p.m.

FHRA Board Members Present

Mr. Ed Treacy, President  
Ms. Marci Reddick, Board Member  
Mr. Jerry Clifford, Board Member

FHRA Staff

Mr. Freddie Burrus, Executive Director  
Ms. Heather Millikan

Public

April Pyatt, Ice Miller  
Sherron Freeman, Lawrence Common Council  
Jessica Tower, Lawrence Chamber of Commerce  
Bruce Hugon, resident  
Art Duszyuski, Lawrence CDC  
Charles Thompson, resident

Official Public Meeting was called to order by Mr. Treacy at 5:38 p.m.

Mr. Treacy stated that Russell Brown will not be at the meetings but financials were at the front for anyone that wants a copy.

Mr. Burrus gave an Executive Director's update. Mr. Burrus stated the FHRA is still continuing negotiation efforts to try and construct a connector road. John Farr at 8902 Otis is still renovating for a large call center on his third floor. Schneider Corporation is renovating its second floor for a company called Health Scope. Bloomerang is about nine days ahead of schedule on its completion. Bloomerang is also starting a 501C3 in their new building that will provide co-working space, mailboxes, and conference rooms for incubator companies for not-for-profits. David Weekley had their ribbon cutting ceremony on September 29<sup>th</sup>. General Umbarger was in attendance and gave a brief speech about the history of the Fort. Weekley Homes had a second ceremony for MIBOR realtors to showcase their new homes. The FHRA ARC has approved 9 lots and they have sold 3 homes. There was a ribbon cutting last week for Operation Job Ready Veterans that offers training and resumes classes for veterans when they return from their duty. There will be 10-30 jobs there. On the 15<sup>th</sup> IU Health had a ribbon cutting ceremony and it will bring 10 jobs to the workforce and the FHRA is currently reviewing their signage. The Fort Apartments has been purchased by the Ackerman Group from Ohio. They plan to expand with 70-100 additional units with an additional swimming pool and community room. They are doing research to see if they should add some three bedrooms at the apartments.

Mr. Treacy stated they are very pleased with what is going on with the new homes. He said we are still trying to get everything done to build a new road on Lawton Loop. It's causing increasing difficulties. The FHRA is willing to put in a considerable amount of dollars but everyone wants money for the land we are asking them to donate. Everyone wants to profit even though they will benefit from this project over there.

Mr. Hugon asked if the FHRA has power of eminent domain. Ms. Pyatt said yes but Lawrence City Council and the Mayor would have to sign off on it and it is very time consuming and very expensive and litigious and at the end the FHRA would have to pay appraised value for whatever we took. Mr. Hugon said so it would be better if everyone would play nice in the sandbox. He asked if he could do anything. Mr. Treacy said yes talk to them and get them to agree to donate land. Mr. Hugon asked who all needs to

donate land besides Farr and Lawton Loop East. Mr. Treacy said Marten but Merici is already done. So only Tom Marten, LLE and Meyer Najem who owns the Maude Building. Ms. Reddick said the road has been reconfigured.

Mr. Hugon asked about redeveloping the Maude Building. Meyer Najem Group owns it and its still potentially planned to develop. He asked if their plans involve the PX. Mr. Treacy said potentially. Mr. Hugon said it's all a matter of money. Mr. Treacy said yes. Ms. Reddick said it would be irresponsible of us to pay what is being requested. Mr. Treacy stated we are just trying to be stewards of the taxpayers dollar and some are seeing it as an opportunity.

Mr. Charlie Thompson asked if the proposal is to build the road north or south of the cemetery. Ms. Reddick stated south. Mr. Clifford said it's already there behind the Sterrett Center.

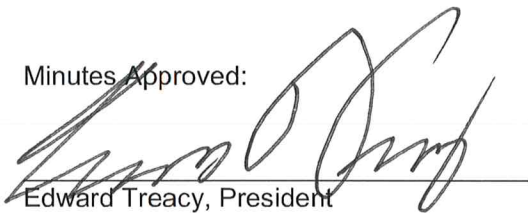
Ms. Reddick stated that the board has been working with our real estate broker on parcel J and there was an event on September 30<sup>th</sup> with commercial brokers and it was very successful. Several brokers who had never been out to the Fort before were in attendance and they thought we were doing good quality projects out here.

Mr. Treacy stated new business is approval of minutes from the September 21, 2015 meeting. Mr. Clifford made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted and Ms. Reddick seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

The next meeting is on November 16, 2015.

Mr. Treacy asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Reddick made the motion and Mr. Clifford seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes Approved:

  
Edward Treacy, President

  
Jeffrey Congdon, Vice President