

FORT HARRISON REUSE AUTHORITY BOARD MINUTES
Monday, October 20, 2014

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
Mr. Russell Brown, Secretary Treasurer
Mr. Jerry Clifford, Board Member
Ms. Marci Reddick, Board Member

FHRA Staff

Mr. Freddie Burrus, Executive Director
Mrs. Heather Millikan, Executive Assistant

Public

April Pyatt, Ice Miller
Chris Barnett, Lawrence CDC
Kim Reeves, Browning Investments
Tad Lupton, Beyond Architecture
Dennis Southerland, Cripe
Dave Kieser, Kieser Consulting
Bruce Hugon, Resident

Official Public Meeting was called to order at 5:41 p.m. by Mr. Treacy.

Mr. Brown stated that the monthly financials were available as usual for the public and there will be an item for the agenda next month.

Mr. Burrus gave an Executive Director's update. He stated the Village of Merici is complete and fully operational. Its official Open House was Sunday, October 19th. The event was well attended and the complex has been well received.

The Reuse Authority is in the final stages and completion of its traffic plan to construct an access road from Post Road west to Lawton Loop East.

Fort Harrison Office Suites, a Yeager Properties project, is progressing and is on schedule.

Parcel A infrastructure work is underway as H.I.S Constructors readies the 9.1 acres for David Weekley Homes which will build approximately 70 homes on the site. The groundbreaking was October 16th.

The Reuse Authority has entered into discussions with a local business group in the purchase of 5723 Birtz Road.

The FHRA was the title sponsor for the Partnership for Lawrence Fall Fest at the Fort on Saturday, October 18th.

On Sunday, October 26th Mayor Jessup's wife Pam Jessup will have hay rides and other fall activities at the Civic Plaza. Activities should start at approximately 2:00. For more details see the City of Lawrence webpage.

The next scheduled board meeting is Monday, November 17th. End of Executive Director's report.

Mr. Treacy asked for approval of minutes from the September 15, 2014 meeting. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Clifford seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

The next order of business was Resolution 2014-06 which is a Resolution authorizing the Bloomerang, LLC Purchase Agreement. Ms. Reddick made a motion asking for approval of Resolution 2014-06 and Mr. Clifford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Clifford stated that in the last meeting they had received and approved a term agreement for the property immediately behind us at Birtz and Hawkins Roads. Bloomerang would develop that property, building a 19,950 square foot building to house their business. He stated we have received a purchase agreement in the last month and it has been signed and forwarded to us for its acceptance. Mr. Clifford passed around a rendering of the building for the public to see.

Mr. Clifford stated the building would commence immediately with the idea it will conclude in the fourth quarter of 2015.

Mr. Brown thanked Tim Cook and Jay Love of Bloomerang for working so quickly in going from an LOI to a purchase agreement and appreciate them keeping Bloomerang on the Fort.

Mr. Treacy stated it's an exciting time working with the FHRA and the two projects under dirt now and some sticks coming up and another possibility happening now. He said they are feeling very good about it and appreciate the business and ideas from the community. He also stated we are getting close to something happening on the white building. There has been an estimate set on a timeframe. Also they are looking at the traffic problem.

Mr. Bruce Hugon asked if the FHRA is intending to sell the two story red brick building to someone for a single family residence. Mr. Burrus said that is not so. The building has not been sold. Mr. Hugon asked if the white building purchase was finalized. Ms. Pyatt of Ice Miller stated that all condo owners and mortgagees that are required have consented and provided their written consents to the transfer. They are just waiting for the actual transfer documentation to be executed by the president of the condo association.

Mr. Hugon asked if they had heard anymore on Tom Marten. Mr. Treacy had no comment.

Mr. Hugon asked if there was more progress with the Maude Building. Mr. Treacy said they are still working on it. Hopefully something may be able to be done this week. Mr. Hugon asked if any of it involved the PX. Mr. Treacy said that was a separate agreement.

Mr. Hugon asked about a grocery store. The board all replied they would love a grocery store. Mr. Treacy stated that seems to be the one thing that seems to be the most difficult. The state park takes away from rooftops and the people in the grocery business look at number of rooftops. The new houses and other projects happening will hopefully help with that.


Mr. Brown said we are the chaser on the grocery store. He said if we have heard the name of a grocery store Freddie and Browning do a good job of reaching out to them and trying to get them to take a look at the Fort.

Mr. Treacy asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Reddick seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Minutes Approved:



Mr. Edward Treacy, President



Mr. Russell Brown, Secretary Treasurer