

BOARD MINUTES
Monday, February 10, 2020

The FHRA Board met in public session at 9001 E. 59th Street, Lawrence Government Center Public Assembly Room, Lawrence, IN at 5:30 p.m. Meeting called to order by Jeff Congdon. Quorum was met.

Members Present in Person: Jeff Congdon, Karen Horth Powers, Russell Brown, Matt Hall
Staff Present: Aletha Dunston, Heather Millikan, April Pyatt, Kim Reeves

Mr. Congdon introduced Mr. Matt Hall who is newly appointed member to the FHRA board by the Lawrence Common Council. Mr. Hall replaces Mr. Bigsbee who declined to renew his appointment.

Update from the Secretary Treasurer:

Mr. Brown stated the monthly financials were available in the back of the room. He stated the January profit and loss was based on a preliminary budget that was put together by staff for board review. Mr. Brown asked that the budget be approved as presented by staff. Ms. Horth Powers made the motion to approve the budget as submitted and Mr. Hall seconded, and the motion was approved.

New Business:

Update from Executive Director:

Ms. Dunston stated the FHRA is looking to hold a joint groundbreaking for the Hilton Tru hotel and the apartments being developed by Cityscape. That should happen sometime in the spring. Currently the FHRA is working on marketing plans for parcels C and F. The FHRA is still finishing phase 3 of David Weekley Homes. There have been 10 lots out of the 60 already sold. The FHRA is working out details of the mixed-use building and parking garage on parcel A. The FHRA is still talking to the library about their timeline. The FHRA is still maintaining the FortBenIN accounts on Facebook and Twitter and we hit over 100,000 reached last year.

Mr. Brown asked if there was an update from last months meeting on the Benjamin Court signage issues. Ms. Dunston said she reached out to the City of Lawrence to see what signage permits were granted in the past. The City only had one and Ms. Dunston reached out to Ms. Cera at the YMCA to give her the update.

Approval of Minutes:

First item of new business was approval of meeting minutes from January 8, 2020. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Horth Powers seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

News at the Fort:

Ms. Dunston gave an update and dates of community activities at Fort Ben and reminded the audience to follow @FortBenIN on Facebook and Twitter to keep up with news about the Fort.


- State of the City – March 5th – 7:30-9:00am – The Garrison – Register with Greater Lawrence Chamber. The new President of the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce introduced himself.
- Unless an exception is made all meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Lawrence Government Center Public Assembly Room

The next public meeting will be at the Lawrence Government Center Public Assembly Room on March 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.


Ms. Jenny Cera with the Fort Ben YMCA stated a few events the YMCA are having. On February 21st is a Royal Princess Ball. On February 29th there is an annual Cycle-a-thon. Ms. Cera stated she appreciates any support.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. Horth Powers and the meeting adjourned.



Jeffrey Congdon, President



Russell Brown, Secretary/Treasurer