

BOARD MINUTES
Monday, May 17, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

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 was called to order by Mr. Jeff Vest. A quorum was met.

Members present in person: Jeff Vest, Karen Horth-Powers, Russell Brown

Staff Present: Aletha Dunston, Heather Millikan, April Pyatt

There was no treasurer's report.

New Business:

First item of new business was adoption of April 19, 2021, board meeting minutes. Mr. Vest asked for a motion. Ms. Horth Powers made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Brown seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Update from Executive Director:

Ms. Dunston stated FHRA closed on five more lots at the David Weekley Homes phase 3 neighborhood and there are now 19 available lots remaining. The Otis Apartments are about 1/3 of the way completed. The first building is complete and had its first 16 residents move in. The Cultural Campus that is a partnership between Arts for Lawrence and the City of Lawrence will hold a VIP night on May 21st. The official grand opening was rescheduled to June 18th due to construction delays. Civic Plaza where the farmers market and Fridays at the Fort are normally held is currently under design and should break ground this fall and hopefully open next spring to the public. Across the street the 98-room Hilton Tru Hotel is under construction and has walls going up and is expected to open next spring. The library at 56th and Melner should be thru design and open to the public by the beginning by 2023. The library will need to do a whole new collection and hire a new staff for the new library. There is currently an 18-unit townhomes project planned for Parcel C just north of the ravine on Post Road.

News at the Fort:

- Fort Ben Cultural Campus ribbon-cutting event rescheduled for June 18th.
- The Otis Grand Opening event planned for June 10th at 3:00 pm
- Unless an exception is made, all board meetings will be held the 3rd Mondays at 5:30pm in the Public Assembly Room of the Lawrence Government Center at 9001 E. 59th Street.
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Mr. Vest stated the next public meeting will be June 21, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at the Lawrence Government Center Public Assembly Room.

Adjournment:

There were no questions from the public and Mr. Vest adjourned the meeting.

