

**Fort Harrison Reuse Authority Public Board Meeting**  
**BOARD MINUTES**  
**Monday, May 20, 2019**

The FHRA Board met in public session at 9120 Otis Avenue, FHRA conference room, Lawrence, IN at 5:30 p.m. Meeting called to order by President Marci Reddick. Quorum was met.

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

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

Ms. Reddick stated before getting into the agenda, she wanted to report that the Board is in a transition period. There was an amendment added to HB1427 during the last General Assembly session. That amendment changed the appointing authority to the FHRA Board of Directors. The three appointments coming from Marion County, City of Indianapolis and the City-County Council were terminated and as of July 1 there will be three appointees on the board from the Lawrence Mayor's office and two appointees from the Lawrence City Council. The only aspect of the FHRA statute that was amended by the bill was the appointing authority. The FHRA is still a separate body corporate in politic of the state of Indiana and governed by the provisions of Title 36 related to the FHRA. The FHRA will not be a department of the City of Lawrence but the Mayor will control the board by virtue of his appointing authority. Marci Reddick, Russell Brown and Andrew Miller will no longer be serving on the board after June 30, 2019. The FHRA Board and staff will continue to conduct business as usual thru June 30, 2019. Aletha and Heather are working on transition items to on-board the new board members and have been in contact with the Mayor's office. Ms. Reddick stated that they all live in Lawrence and had children in the schools and some still do and so the change does not diminish the support they have for the work still to be done.

**Update from the Secretary Treasurer:**

Mr. Brown stated the monthly Profit and Loss reports were available for the public. There was no April public meeting, so the reports are thru the end of April. The David Weekley Homes lots sales for phase 3 are under budget and that is because there have been no lots sold yet. Ms. Reddick stated that is not due to lack of interest but because there was a lot of challenges with utility work with IPL. David Weekley Homes are thrilled to have another development to work on here.

**New Business:**

**Update from Executive Director:**

Ms. Dunston stated that she and Heather will hopefully stay on board at the FHRA to continue the work being done and will work with the City on budgetary items to help find some cost savings and potential shared services. The David Weekley Homes has started a Phase 3 that will be 60 additional homes and another 9 homes in Phase 4. That is likely to be the last single-family development at the Fort. There will be 250 new apartments on Parcel J-north. The FHRA is working with Cityscape Residential. They are now doing their conceptual drawings and hopefully the FHRA will have something to share at the next board meeting. The details of Parcel J with the Hilton Tru hotel, parking garage, mixed-use building and Library are still being worked thru. The FHRA is still trying to work thru parking issues. Currently all partners have remained on board. The FHRA just got a final survey on Parcel K which is not shown on the map yet. It is a  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre parcel behind Phoenix Data System on Post Road and will be added later as an available parcel.

The FHRA was nominated for the Rising Tech City MIRA award. The FHRA was not successful but it got the Fort on the States radar. The FHRA now has 1,000 Facebook likes.

The Fort Ben Cultural Campus had musical swings installed and they are here until June 9<sup>th</sup>. The FHRA will be donating the communications building to Arts for Lawrence cultural campus. The building will be relocated and provide the Arts for Lawrence a year around opportunity to feature art in classrooms.

A resident asked the status on the PX building. Ms. Dunston said the FHRA is still waiting on word from Context and there should be an update at the next meeting.

A resident asked about the groundbreaking for the library. Ms. Dunston said it has not been announced yet but hopefully by fall.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Ms. Reddick introduced meeting minutes from March 18, 2019 and asked for a motion to approve them. Mr. Congdon made a motion and Mr. Brown seconded and the motion was approved.

Ms. Reddick introduced the Crowe General Services Contract for approval. Mr. Brown stated this is for on call services and it's not unusual for the FHRA to ask for assistance on cashflow or a TIF analysis on specific project needs as needed. The contract is for May 1, 2019 to April 2020 and there is a 30-day cancellation notice. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the contract and Mr. Miller seconded and the motion was approved.

#### **News at the Fort:**

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

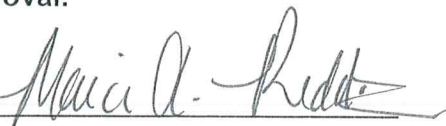
- Please like **@FortBenIN** on Facebook and **@FortBen\_IN** on Twitter – and invite your friends
- June 1<sup>st</sup> - National Trails Day project with the Friends of Fort Harrison - Visitors Center 9:00-11:00am
- June 6<sup>th</sup> - Chamber Bike, Pedestrian & Infrastructure Plans for Lawrence Township – 11:30-1:00pm
- Fort Ben Farmer's Market – opens at Civic Plaza on June 6<sup>th</sup>
- Fridays at the Fort – May 24<sup>th</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>, June 21<sup>st</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, August 9<sup>th</sup>, August 23<sup>rd</sup> – 6:00-9:00pm
- Musical Swings at the Fort Ben Cultural Campus – May 13<sup>th</sup>-June 9<sup>th</sup> – 9am-10pm
- Hoosier Trail Rides at Fort Harrison State Park open March-October – 9am-5pm (weather permitting)

#### **Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Bigsbee and the meeting adjourned.

#### **Approval:**

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