## FORT HARRISON REUSE AUTHORITY BOARD MINUTES Monday, June 18, 2018

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** 

Marci Reddick, President Jeff Congdon, Vice President Curtis Bisgbee, Board Member

**FHRA Staff Present** 

Aletha Dunston, Executive Director Heather Millikan, Director of Operations

Public in Attendance

April Pyatt, Ice Miller
Michael Allen, Ice Miller
Kim Reeves, Browning Investments
Chris Barnett, Lawrence CDC
Mark Clark, resident
Susan Cotter, resident
Peggy Blackman, resident
Charles Thompson, resident

The official public meeting was called to order by Board President Marci Reddick. Ms. Reddick introduced members of the board and staff that were present.

First item was the Secretary Treasurer's report. Ms. Reddick stated Mr. Brown was unable to attend but the monthly financial reports were available.

The next item was the Executive Director's update. Ms. Dunston stated there were not many changes since the last meeting. Progress has been made at Civic Plaza which is the .7 acres of green space where we have the Farmer's Market and Friday's at the Fort. The FHRA submitted a grant to the Land and Water Conservation Fund for \$200,000 for the project and they are coming out in July for a site visit. Results of the application process are due October 1st. The FHRA are talking to the hotel and the Indianapolis Public Library. The FHRA are still slated for a mixed-use office building and a public parking garage along 56th street. We have parcels E and F to be used for mixed use office and retail. We still have three lots left in phase 2 of Residences at Lawrence Village and there will be 60 new lots in Phase 3.

Ms. Reddick stated the next item of new business was approval of the May 21st meeting minutes. Mr. Bigsbee made a motion to approve the minutes however Mr. Congdon had to abstain from voting as he was not present at the May meeting. The adoption of the May minutes was tabled to the July meeting.

The next item of new business was approval of Resolution 2018-04 which is a resolution certifying that there are no excess TIF monies that will be allocated to other taxing units in 2018. Ms. Reddick stated that this is a resolution that we consider each year and bond counsel is present to answer questions. After looking at all our debt service obligations and the PILOT to the City of Lawrence the FHRA does not have extra funds that would go to various taxing districts within our allocation area of the Fort.

Mr. Congdon made a motion to approve the resolution and Mr. Bigsbee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Under News from the Fort, Ms. Dunston stated that the Lawrence Chamber golf outing is on June 25<sup>th</sup> and there are a few more opportunities for that. Every Thursday there is the Fort Ben Farmer's Market at Civic Plaza and every other Friday is Friday's at the Fort at Civic Plaza.

We encourage everyone to follow us on Facebook and Twitter to see everything going on here at the whole Fort and not just FHRA.

Ms. Reddick asked if anyone had any questions or comments.

Peggy from Lawton Loop East asked if the road has been approved from Lawton Loop to Post Road. Ms. Dunston stated there has been no activity on our end. The one thing we are working on is the old PX building on the Loop and are getting ready to transfer to Context Landscape Architecture. There will be a road around their building but not a road out to Post Road that was previously proposed.

Kevin Lauerman of Lawton Loop East stated he lives right behind the old vacant radio building that is not hooked up to any utilities and is an eye sore. He asked what is being done with the building as a long-term plan. Ms. Dunston stated Arts for Lawrence has submitted a grant application to the Lily Endowment for funding to create an arts and cultural district around their building. They would swap their parking lot with the bank across the street and develop their parking lot into a green space. They would also acquire the ravine and the water tower and move the building onto the site behind their building to be used year around for a visual arts center. We do not know the timing of it at this point, but they have made it to the second round for the grant.

Mr. Congdon stated that it was originally supposed to go ten years ago but Mrs. Basham decided to save it and move it. Mr. Lauerman asked if the building can be torn down if the arts center plan doesn't happen and Ms. Dunston said that is not in our plan for now. It has historical significance and it was moved from its original site so DNR cares.

Mr. Lauerman asked about the latest on the PX building. Ms. Dunston stated that they have a meeting with the engineer and Context to talk about the land transfers necessary to make it all work. Ms. Reddick stated we did do a Right of Entry Agreement with Context.

Mark Clark at the Village of Lawrence stated that we mentioned the TIF district and being out of land. Does that mean when the FHRA is out of land does that dissolve the FRHA. Ms. Reddick said the FHRA will continue to exist to deal with the bonds and other matters. The board will want to stay around for awhile even after we are out of land.

Charlie Thompson of Boston Commons asked about the library. Ms. Dunston stated they are continuing the discussions and still coming and investigating what type of building they want. It will be 25,000 square feet and a one-story building probably open in 2020.

Ms. Reddick stated that the library staff is working with design professionals.

Mr. Thompson asked about the hotel. Ms. Dunston stated it will be a Hilton Tru on Lawrence Village Parkway.

A gentleman in the audience asked if SCP is still marketing on Parcel J. Ms. Reddick stated not at this time. The FHRA will have discussions with other developers.

Chris Barnett of Lawrence CDC asked when somebody will take action to put a four way stop at Otis Avenue and Lawrence Village Parkway because drivers cannot see due to the median barrier being high. Ms. Dunston stated she has a meeting with Bill Anthony of DPW at the City and will talk to him about it.

There were no further questions or comments.

Ms. Congdon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bigsbee seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes Approved:

Marci Reddick, President

Jeff Congdon, Vice President