## FORT HARRISON REUSE AUTHORITY BOARD MINUTES Monday, July 20, 2015

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. Jeff Congdon, Vice President Mr. Russell Brown, Secretary Treasurer Ms. Marci Reddick, Board Member

## **FHRA Staff**

Mr. Freddie Burrus, Executive Director Ms. Heather Millikan

## **Public**

April Pyatt, Ice Miller
Tim Joyce, City of Lawrence
Sherron Freeman, Lawrence Common Council
Chris Barnett, Lawrence CDC
Brent Addington
Tad Lupton, Beyond Architecture
Charles Thompson
Dennis Southerland, Cripe
Carol & Dick Schwartz, residents

Official Public Meeting was called to order by Mr. Treacy.

Mr. Brown stated that we received a copy of our final audit for 2014 from Katz, Sapper and Miller with two small exceptions related to technology issues it was a clean audit. Mr. Brown thanked the staff for getting that done so much faster and easier process than in years since he has been on the board.

Mr. Burrus gave an Executive Director's update. Mr. Burrus stated Friday's at the Fort for July 17<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to severe weather conditions and rescheduled for this Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. The July 3<sup>rd</sup> event which was held in Lawrence Park was attended by over 800 citizens who enjoyed the Lawrence Central Bands and local sensation Toy Factory's performances. The remaining Friday events will return to the Village's Civic Plaza and are scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, August 14<sup>th</sup> and August 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Fort Harrison YMCA is continuing to have Fitness at the Fort every Monday from 5:30 to 6:30 at Civic Plaza. The activities include exercise classes, palates, yoga, aerobic conditioning and will continue thru the end of September, weather permitting.

Bloomerang LLC continues its construction at Hawkins Road and Birtz Road. The two story building is scheduled to be completed November 30, 2015 and it appears that completion date is possible.

There is significant interest in other properties within the Village. Inquiries and information and discussion are taking place for 5723 Birtz Road and 9150 Otis Avenue.

The Post, the office suites located at 9165 Otis Avenue have 50 signed leases and an occupancy rate over 60%. The Yeager Team is very excited about these numbers after just 3 months in operation.

David Weekley Homes continues to move closer to closing on lots to be used to construct 2 model homes hopefully before the end of the month. Updates include:

- Model signage is up
- Paving and curbing is installed
- Fences installed
- Trees and bushes are installed
- Street signs installed

The wettest June in Indiana history has been the biggest hindrance to the completion. With approximately 75,000 power outages at one time in Indianapolis, IPL has not been able to install complete power since all the crews have been committed to addressing the results of the severe weather conditions.

Engineering, planning and talks continue as the Reuse Authority continues its efforts towards a connector road from Post Road to Lawton Loop East.

The Reuse Authority welcomes its newest neighbor The Sherwood Café which is located next door to the Fort Ben Pub and is open for breakfast and lunch from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thank you.

Mr. Treacy stated new business is approval of minutes from the June 15, 2015 meeting. Mr. Brown made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted and Ms. Reddick seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed. Mr. Congdon abstained from the vote as he was not at the June meeting.

Mr. Treacy asked for any general comments from the public.

Mr. Dick Schwartz a Lawton Loop resident asked if there was anything new with the PX building. Mr. Treacy stated we are still in the process of attempting to get something done there. Part of it is tied up with getting the construction of the road in the back done also. Those are things we are in the process of trying to get done.

Mr. Treacy stated the next meeting is August 17, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Congdon asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes Approved:

Edward Treacy, President

Jeffrey Congdon, Vice President