

**BOARD MINUTES**  
**Monday, September 20, 2021, 5:30 p.m.**

The FHRA Board met in public session at 9001 E. 59<sup>th</sup> 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, Jason Fenwick, Karen Horth Powers, Russell Brown

**Members present by phone:** Lacy Johnson

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

There was nothing new to report by the treasurer.

**New Business:**

First item of new business was adoption of the August 16, 2021, board meeting minutes. Mr. Vest called for a motion. Mr. Johnson made a motion for approval of the minutes and Mr. Brown seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the approval of the minutes was unanimous.

**Update from Executive Director:**

Ms. Dunston stated right now we are in a building stage. There is building going on at the David Weekley Homes, the multi-family Otis apartments, the Hilton Tru Hotel development, and other public areas like the Cultural Campus which is open and Civic Plaza which we are working on.

Ms. Dunston thanked everyone who came to the Fort on Saturday. She stated it was a busy weekend with Octoberfest which was held at the Cultural Campus and the State Park's BBQ and Blues Festival.

**News at the Fort:**

- Fort Ben Half Marathon and 5K is October 2<sup>nd</sup> and there will be road closures
- Fort Ben Farmers Market final Thursday event will be October 7 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Civic Plaza.
- Unless an exception is made, all board meetings will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 5:30pm in the Public Assembly Room of the Lawrence Government Center at 9001 E. 59<sup>th</sup> Street.
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Mr. Vest announced that the City of Lawrence will hold a memorial dedication to Maj. Gen. Brooks on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Brooks Boulevard.

Michael Breach from Lawton Loop East asked about the status of the PX building project as well as the basement hole behind the condo buildings and about the RV parked behind the PX building. Ms. Dunston stated FHRA has shared with the police that the RV is on private property and doesn't have permission to be there however we are still trying to figure out who owns it.

Ms. Dunston stated the Maude building did receive a new roof, but the owner still needs to raise money to do the entire development. She stated this is the same with the PX building. The PX building is under a project agreement but has not closed yet and they are trying to get that done by the end of the year. Most of the work will be outside work that gets done over the next six months and they will be looking for tenants for the space. There are some grant funds available to potentially help them with the roof that might preclude them from starting the work on the roof before the grant funds are awarded.

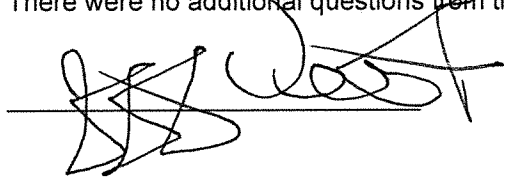
Ms. Dunston stated that the FHRA today signed an agreement with Poindexter Excavating to restore the basement hole back to a slope. The FHRA is working with Lawton Loop East Condo Association to restore that land and swap it with another piece of land. The contract with Poindexter does include grading and seeding.

Mr. Brown wanted to state that Lagens in Lawrence was a great event for the cultural campus.

Mr. Klopfenstein with Greater Lawrence Chamber thanked Teachers Credit Union and Culver's of Lawrence for partnering with Rock Garage. On Sept 29<sup>th</sup> students from the Rock Garage will be playing music at the Cruise In event on Lawton Loop. There will be music and food and beverages starting around 4:30.

**Adjournment:**

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

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