

FORT HARRISON REUSE AUTHORITY BOARD MINUTES
Monday, January 13, 2014

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

FHRA Staff

Mr. Freddie Burrus, Executive Director
Mrs. Heather Millikan, Executive Assistant

Public

April Pyatt, Ice Miller
John Wolski, Lawrence Chamber of Commerce
Tom Marten, resident
Chris Barnett, Lawrence CDC
Kim Reeves, Browning Investments
Tim Joyce, City of Lawrence
Oscar Gutierrez, City of Lawrence

Official Public Meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. by Mr. Treacy.

Mr. Brown stated they received a letter of engagement from Katz, Sapper and Miller to engage them to do the 2013 audit with an estimate of \$24,700. Mr. Congdon made a motion to accept the engagement letter and Ms. Reddick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Burrus gave an Executive Director's update. He stated that the FHRA is in the process of updating the website to add newer projects and new 3D components. Mr. Burrus also stated the FHRA is in the process of having research done for a hotel in the Fort and they have received encouraging results.

Mr. Treacy stated the next item is to elect officers of the board. He stated this was continued from last week due to the snow and the meeting being cancelled. Mr. Treacy asked for a nomination for president. Mr. Congdon moved to nominate Mr. Ed Treacy for president. Mr. Clifford seconded the nomination. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Treacy asked for a nomination for a vice president. Mr. Brown made a motion to nominate Mr. Jeff Congdon as vice president. Ms. Reddick seconded the nomination. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Treacy asked for a nomination for secretary treasurer. Mr. Clifford made a motion to nominate Mr. Russell Brown as secretary treasurer. Ms. Reddick seconded the nomination. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Treacy asked for approval of minutes from the December 16, 2013 meeting. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Congdon seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Treacy stated the next agenda item which is the Browning Investments contract renewal is being tabled to the February meeting.

Mr. Treacy stated there is a host of other activities that the board is moving on and the board will be undertaking this year even though there is not much on the agenda. He stated a lot of things are starting

to happen and the board is talking to a lot of people in the community and we should see a lot happening this year. He stated the economy has changed and rebounded and the board is doing a substantial amount of work and activity should happen this year.

Mr. Wolski asked if Mr. Burrus could talk again about the hotel. Mr. Burrus stated the FHRA has hired a research company that conducts research and they have researched this area looking at traffic counts and activities and try to come up with a number of hotels that would be a good fit for our area. They have stated we have a good solid market. We are looking at number of rooms and meals to meet MEPS requirement. Mr. Congdon asked Mr. Burrus to explain MEPS. Mr. Burrus said it is the Military Entrance Program. With the new army facility that is going in it will be a \$48 Million project. He asked if there is a number of room nights that were estimated yet and he stated that it was approximately 100 per night.

Mr. Treacy said they have met with some local people and some of the national hotel chains and it was recommended that the FHRA hire a national consulting firm with creditability to say that we need something here. The FHRA is out looking for the best offer and situation we can provide for a hotel. They are looking for the best business decision that can be made as to how many rooms they think they can put in. The FHRA knows what they would like. He stated any individual going into any branch of the military in Indiana must come thru here to be enlisted. They all come here and spend the night and the federal government requires a hot breakfast and hot dinner. What the FHRA is trying to do is compete for the next MEPS contract in five years. The question is what hotel will generate that kind of facility that will meet the food needs. All people that have been talked to would like to have facilities right here where they can be right across the street. Mr. Treacy stated that the FHRA ideally like the larger facilities because they can compete for the MEPS contract.

Mr. Treacy asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Brown made the motion and Mr. Congdon seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm.

Minutes Approved:


Mr. Jeffrey Congdon, Vice President


Mr. Russell Brown, Secretary Treasurer