

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
City of Franklin, Indiana
MINUTES OF MEETING

Date and Time: Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Common Council Chambers
Franklin City Hall
70 East Monroe Street
Franklin IN 46131

1. **Call to Order:** The regular meeting was called to order at approximately 8:00 a.m.
2. **Roll Call:**
 - a) **Members of the Redevelopment Commission:**
 - i) Larry Koenes;
 - ii) B.J. Deppe;
 - iii) Ted Grossnickle;
 - iv) Bob Heuchan;
 - v) Trent McWilliams;
 - vi) Danny Vaught, Franklin Community School Corporation Representative was absent.
 - b) **Also in attendance:**
 - vii) Robert H. Schafstall, Legal Counsel to the Redevelopment Commission
3. **Minutes:** Robert H. Schafstall presented proposed minutes from the February 17, 2011 regular meeting and the special meeting held on March 4, 2011. Mr. Deppe seconded by Mr. Heuchan, made a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved as presented.
4. **Old business:**
 - a) **Gateway, Greenways, and Redevelopment Trail and Sidewalk Projects:** Todd Wilkerson appeared before the Commission to provide an update on the project. Larry Koenes explained that the Committee met on March 11, 2011.
 - b) **Bartram Drive Project:** Todd Wilkerson appeared before the Commission to explain that the project is on hold to allow time for the grass to grow.
 - c) **International Drive Drainage Project:** Todd Wilkerson appeared before the Commission to explain that there were 11 claim holders and three (3) bids that were submitted. The bids have been taken under advisement, and it appears that the proposal from Kings Trucking and Excavating is the lowest bid. Discussion held. Mr. Deppe, seconded by Mr. Grossnickle, made a motion to authorize the President to sign the contract provided that it is acceptable with Legal Counsel once the bid is accepted. The motion carried.

- d) **Franklin Development Corporation Project:** Franklin Development Corporation (FDC) Chief Executive Officer, Craig Wells, appeared before the Commission to provide an update. He explained that the first meeting with property owners has been scheduled to start the structural surveys.
- e) **Property at 151 Jefferson Street:** Robert H. Schafstall explained that the company that owns the mortgage has made a counter offer. The Commission decided that the matter will be discussed in an Executive Session immediately prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting on April 21, 2011.
- f) **Franklin Heritage, Inc.:** Rob Shilts, Franklin Heritage, Inc. appeared before the Commission to provide an update on 425 East Jefferson Street, Franklin. He provided an updated cost sheet and presented before and after photos of the project.
- g) **Ivy Tech:** Larry Koenes introduced Dr. John Hogan with Ivy Tech. Dr. Hogan presented materials to the members and provided an update on the success of the College that was possible due to the support from the Commission. He highlighted the dual credit program available to high school students that results in college credits earned without tuition being paid as well as the increase in student headcount. Dr. Hogan discussed next steps for the future, which included increased admission numbers, additional degree programs, additional student services, such as library, bursar's office, and bookstore, as and additional land for expansion. Dr. Hogan expressed his gratitude for the support and partnership with RDC.

5. **Other Comments:**

- a) **Mayor Comments:** Mayor Paris explained that the City is very busy with new business opportunities. He explained that the EDC reviewed compliance reports from new businesses in which most are in compliance or exceeded expectations.

6. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at approximately 8:30 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.

Approved this 21st day of April, 2011.

City of Franklin, Indiana Redevelopment Commission:

By: 
President

By: 
Member