

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
City of Franklin, Indiana
MINUTES OF MEETING

Date and Time: Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.

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

1. **Executive Session:** Members met in Executive Session in accordance with Indiana Code § 5-14-1.5-6.1(B)(2)(d)) to discuss real estate.
2. **Call to Order:** The regular meeting was called to order at approximately 8:12 a.m.
3. **Roll Call:**
 - a) **Members of the Redevelopment Commission:**
 - i) Larry Koenes;
 - ii) B.J. Deppe;
 - iii) Ted Grossnickle;
 - iv) Danny Vaught, Franklin Community School Corporation Representative;
 - v) Bob Heuchan was absent.
 - vi) Trent McWilliams was absent.
 - b) **Also in attendance:**
 - vii) Robert H. Schafstall, Legal Counsel to the Redevelopment Commission
4. **Minutes:** Robert H. Schafstall presented proposed minutes from the April 21, 2011 regular meeting. Mr. Grossnickle, seconded by Mr. Deppe, made a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved as presented.
5. **Old business:**
 - a) **Gateway, Greenways, and Redevelopment Trail and Sidewalk Projects:** Todd Wilkerson and Crossroad Engineers appeared before the Commission to provide an update on the project. Mr. Koenes explained that these projects were set to be done in phases. He also reported that the Indiana Department of Transportation had not accepted their proposal for Phase 1 to be funded. Mr. Ken Remenschneider appeared before the Commission to discuss the overall plan for this project. The original estimate for this total project is \$15.5 million. Discussion held.
 - b) **Bartram Drive Project:** Todd Wilkerson appeared before the Commission to provide an update and submitted a final report for acceptance. Mr. Wilkerson feels that it can be removed from the agenda.

- c) **International Drive Drainage Project:** Todd Wilkerson appeared before the Commission to provide an update. Mr. Wilkerson stated that construction on this project should be completed within the next month.
- d) **Franklin Development Corporation Project:** Franklin Development Corporation (FDC) Chief Executive Officer, Craig Wells, appeared before the Commission to provide an update. Mr. Wells told the Commission that they were awarded a grant from Bowen Center of Ball State, and that they were working with Franklin College on selecting a speaker for the workshop later this month. Mr. Wells stated that FDC would be sponsoring a seminar for historic property at the Johnson County Museum. Mr. Wells stated that the FDC has starting working on marketing campaign ideas and concepts. Mr. Wells stated that FDC will be meeting with Moody Nolan for a structural survey for façade project, and that nine properties are being considered for this project.
- e) **Property at 151 Jefferson Street:** Robert H. Schafstall explained that the RDC members met in Executive Session this morning regarding this real estate. Mr. Schafstall reported that they are still talking to the mortgage holder and that an update will be provided next month.
- f) **Strategic Plan Discussion:** Members discussed the strategic plan and priority of funding. Mr. Koenes provided the members with a preliminary draft of current funding, projected revenue, revenue committed this year, balance carried next year, and cash flow. The current proposed projects included the trail; rebuilding gateway; and the purchase properties. Discussion held. .

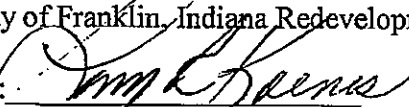
6. **Other Comments:**

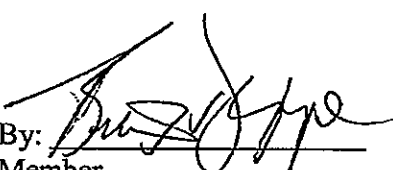
- a) **Mayor Comments:** Mayor Paris came forward and thanked the Commission for their help on different projects. He requested that the RDC partner with the City to research property taxes and obtain additional information from the County. He stated that he thinks it is imperative that the Gateway project continue to move forward and that the sidewalks on Jefferson Street cannot wait another five (5) years. Mayor Paris stated that he had been asked to request RDC consider having a joint meeting with City Council to discuss proposed projects. Mr. Koenes stated that they would get together and plan this. Mr. Koenes stated that RDC operating needs are rising, and he could see RDC needing some kind of staff help in the future. Mayor Paris requested that RDC work more closely with FDC and Franklin Heritage, Inc. in regard to property options in the downtown area to promote business and opportunities for the City.

- 7. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at approximately 8:55 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.

Approved this 16th day of June, 2011.

City of Franklin, Indiana Redevelopment Commission:

By: 
President

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Member