



REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
801 MICHIGAN AVENUE  
LA PORTE, INDIANA 46350

**Redevelopment Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 27, 2024  
5:15 PM**

A meeting of the City of La Porte Redevelopment Commission ("Commission"), was held at City Hall on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at the hour of 5:15 PM, ("local time"), pursuant to notice duly given in accordance with the rules of the Commission and the Indiana Open Door Law.

The meeting was called to order by President Brian Chalik at 5:15 PM.

On a call of the roll, the members of the Commission were shown to be present or absent as follows:

**Members Present:** Mr. Brian Chalik, Mr. JT McDermott, and Mrs. Betsy Kabelin Parkison

**Members Absent:** Mr. Damon Gasaway and Ms. Jenna Francesconi.

**Guests Present:** Mr. Matthew Hagenow, Mayor Tom Dermody, Councilman Tim Franke, Mr. Bert Cook, Mr. Craig Phillips, Mr. Roscoe Hoffman and Ms. Amanda Haverstick.

**Public Comment:** Mayor Tom Dermody wanted to thank Jenna Francesconi for her commitment to the board and mentioned that he is looking forward to the rest of the RDC meeting agenda.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by JT McDermott to approve the meeting minutes from the regular February 28th, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Betsy Kabelin Parkison. The motion passed 3-0.

**Claims:** A motion was made by JT McDermott to approve the March 27th, 2024 Claim Docket and seconded by Betsy Kabelin Parkison. The motion passed 3-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Approval of Real Estate Purchase Agreement for former Don George Property located at 150 Pine Lake Avenue – Bert Cook explained the purchase agreement for the former Don George Property located 150 Pine Lake Avenue to CMG Retail Development. JT McDermott made a motion to **approve the Real Estate Purchase Agreement for the former Don George Property at 150 Pine Lake Avenue** and the motion was seconded by Betsy Kabelin Parkison. The motion passed 3-0.

- B. 111 North Madison Option Funds – Bert explained the option agreement that Anytime Fitness had a piece of property in NewPorte Landing that has expired. He mentioned that they have acquired a piece of property in NewPorte Landing and are ready to begin construction. He further explained the 111 North Madison Option Funds to the RDC. JT McDermott made a motion to **approve the 111 North Madison Option Funds** and the motion was seconded by Betsy Kabelin Parkison. The motion passed 3-0.
- C. Approval of contract for professional services for KarnerBlue Consulting – Craig explained the contract for professional services for KarnerBlue Consulting that will entail project management assistance for the City. Craig mentioned that the contract would be in the amount of \$38,250 plus incidental charges. Craig explained the request for the RDC to fund up to \$30,000 of this contract. JT McDermott made a motion to **approve the contract for professional services for KarnerBlue Consulting in an amount not to exceed \$30,000** and the motion was seconded by Betsy Kabelin Parkison. The motion passed 3-0.
- D. Approval of contract for professional services for SEH, Inc. – Craig explained the approval of contract for professional services for SEH, Inc. in regards to the Boyd Boulevard EDA Grant preliminary engineering report that will be part of the grant submission. Craig mentioned that the amount of the contract is \$31,500 including expenses and equipment. JT McDermott made a motion to **approve the contract for professional services for SEH, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$31,500** and the motion was seconded by Betsy Kabelin Parkison. The motion passed 3-0.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- A. Downtown Alleys Hitchcock Design Group Proposal – Craig explained that the City is looking at exploring opportunities with and regards to the design of some downtown alleys. He mentioned that this is for informational purposes only and that there will be a proposal for the next RDC meeting to explore the feasibility of downtown alley upgrades on a test block by Plaza 618.

Brian mentioned that the pavers in the intersection at Madison Street and NewPorte Boulevard are starting to wear down. Craig will discuss this with Nick on what can be done about this issue.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, JT McDermott moved to adjourn the meeting; Betsy Kabelin Parkison seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:33 PM.



Brian Chalik, President



~~JT McDermott, Secretary~~

Damon Casaway, Vice President