

PORTER COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

June 16, 2016

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Porter County Redevelopment Commission was held on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at 8:30 a.m., in the Porter County Administrative Center, 155 Indiana Avenue, Suite 205, Valparaiso, Indiana.

Members present were: Ric Frataccia, David Burrus, Donald Ensign, Jim Polarek, and Bob Thompson. Also present were Greg Sobkowski, Bryan Schuch, Vicki Urbanik, Monica Gee, citizens, and representatives of the press.

Mr. Sobkowski administered the Oath of Office and Reappointed Commission Member, Jim Polarek, and notarized the Oath.

Mr. Ensign made motion to approve March 17, 2016 minutes. Mr. Burrus seconded the motion, which carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Correspondence: None.

Review of previous Hospital TIF, Mr. Frataccia stated that he had Mr. Schuch, with Cender and Company, prepare bullet items to capture the main ideas from the Hospital TIF, for which Liberty Township has asked us to look at again. Basically the goal of the TIF is to facilitate the Economic Development along Highway 6 and the Hospital zone; by increasing the value of properties and stimulating private investments. Before going forward, we will need a formal motion from the Board, for the *idea* to be forwarded to the Commissioners.

Mr. Burrus stated that we need some assurance from the Commissioners that they are on board. Based on the history of the experiences from the Hospital TIF and the Airport, it would be appropriate for RDC Board Members to sit down with the Commissioners to see in what direction they would like to see us go.

Mr. Frataccia stated that regarding the Strategic Plan, John Shepherd had called and said that he could not do it; the Commission would have to seek for another consultant.

Mr. Polarek stated that we spent three years on two proposed TIF districts and questioned if the Hospital has been brought up for a vote to the Commissioners.

Mr. Sobkowski stated that from his recollection, the Hospital TIF did not get to the Plan Commission level; however the Airport TIF went all the way to the end. He recommended starting the process from scratch.

Mr. Polarek made the motion for the President of the Redevelopment Commission to go to the Commissioners and get guidance from them before we spend any time pursuing a TIF. Mr. Burrus seconded the motion and recommended he would sit in on that meeting. Mr. Polarek amended the motion to have the President and Vice President of RDC to meet with the Commissioners to discuss TIF's, which carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Information Exchange by the Woodville Foundation of Liberty Township, Mr. Tim Cole presented. He would like RDC to move forward with the Liberty Township TIF.

Mr. Ed Gutt also spoke in favor of the Liberty Township TIF.

Mr. Frataccia stated to Mr. Burrus that he will coordinate a time to meet with the Commissioners to get some direction.

Mr. Frataccia confirmed that the Economic Development Plan can be amended; they can use the original Hospital TIF area and include ideas from the Woodville Foundation of Liberty Township.

Next Meeting, September 22, 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

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S/ _____
Ric Frataccia, President

Attest: _____
Donald Ensign, Secretary