

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, April 14, 2010**

Members of the Highland Redevelopment Commission (“RC”, “Commission”) met on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at 6:38 PM in the Upper Conference Room within the Municipal Building at 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana. President Tom Crowel called the meeting to order. Minutes were prepared by Cecile Petro, Redevelopment Director.

**ROLL CALL:** Commissioners present included Michael Maloney, Tom Crowel, Greg Kuzmar, Dominic Noce and Bridget DeYoung. Also in attendance were Substitute School Board Commissioner Larry Vassar, Attorney Carol Green-Fraley, and Redevelopment Director Cecile Petro.

**General Substance of the Discussion**

1. **Agenda**  
The Commission reviewed the agenda for the evening including the minutes and claims. No comments were received.
2. **Bidding Process for the Former Bult Oil Site**  
Attorney Green-Fraley provided the Commission with information on the procedure to open and discuss the bid on the former Bult Oil site.
3. **Meetings attended by Commissioners and Director**  
Commissioner Kuzmar reviewed the Pride & Pedestal event sponsored by the Society of Innovators of Northwest Indiana. The Director summarized her evening at the Northwest Indiana Forum’s networking event also on April 8, 2010.

**The Discussion ended at 6:59 PM. for the public meeting.**

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
PUBLIC MEETING  
April 14, 2010**

The Highland Redevelopment Commission ("Commission", "RC") met in a Public Meeting on April 14, 2010 at 7:01 PM in the Upstairs Conference Room within the Municipal Building at 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana. President Tom Crowel called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present on roll call included Redevelopment Commissioners Greg Kuzmar, Tom Crowel, Michael Maloney, Dominic Noce, and Bridget DeYoung. Also in attendance were Attorney Carol Green-Fraley, Economic Development Commissioner George VandeWerken, and Substitute School Board Commissioner Larry Vassar. Taking minutes for the meeting was Director Petro.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSIONS:**

Commissioner Noce made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Kuzmar seconded the motion. Minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

**SPECIAL ORDERS: None**

**COMMUNICATIONS: None**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Attorney Carol Green-Fraley opened the only proposal received for the purchase of the former Bult Oil site. She noted that the bid was duly date and time stamped by the Clerk-Treasurer's office and was in conformance with published guidelines. The offer was \$85,000.00 from Pleasant View Dairy Corporation located at 2625 Highway Avenue, Highland, Indiana. Attorney Fraley stated that no action can be taken for thirty days since the offer price of \$105,250.00 was not bid. Commissioner DeYoung made a motion to schedule a meeting with the bidder to discuss the proposal and to take no action for thirty days based upon the recommendation of the Commission's attorney. Commissioner Kuzmar seconded the motion. **By unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.**

**ACTION TO PAY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS:**

Commissioner Kuzmar made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims as presented by the Director. Commissioner Maloney seconded the motion. **By unanimous voice vote, the accounts payable vouchers were approved.**

**BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:**

The next public meeting will be held on May 12, 2010 at 7:00 pm. A study session will precede the public meeting at 6:30 pm and reconvene following the public meeting. The next full study session will be held on April 28, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Fred Leep from Pleasant View Dairy stated that he was present to see if the Commission received other bids on the Bult Oil property. He also stated that the Dairy is interested in the property because it owns a number of properties in that area. A follow up letter will be sent to Mr. Leep regarding the date and time for an informational only meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Maloney made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Noce seconded the motion. **By a unanimous voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM.**

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
STUDY SESSION RECONVENED  
April 14, 2010**

The Highland Redevelopment Commission (“Commission”, “RC”) reconvened at 7:15 PM in the Upstairs Conference Room of the Municipal Building at 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana.

**ROLL CALL:** Present on silent roll call included Commissioners: Greg Kuzmar, Tom Crowel, Michael Maloney, Dominic Noce, and Bridget DeYoung. Also in attendance was Economic Development Commissioner George VandeWerken and Redevelopment Director Cecile Petro.

**General Substance of the Study Session**

The second **Propel Conference** focusing on business marketing will take place on April 16, 2010 at Faith Church in Dyer at 8:30 AM. Director Petro and Economic Development Commissioner George VandeWerken are a part of the South Shore Entrepreneurial Initiative that is organizing this event.

The Director provided an update on the **Lake County Housing Task Force**. The Task Force has asked Ms. Petro to be the co-chair. The Commission endorsed her request.

Information from **Mr. Dan Botich from Cender & Company** regarding a second Redevelopment Area (RAII) will be provided at our Study Session on April 28, 2010. The Commission will discuss its plan with the Highland Plan Commission on May 5, 2010.

Ms. Petro stated that she has contacted the Indiana Main Street program once again to discuss the possibility of Highland becoming a Main Street community. Ms. Shae Kmicikewycz with Indiana Main Street will be in Highland on May 12, 2010 to tour the town and discuss the requirements.

The Director informed the Commission about possible **business development efforts** in town.

**Adjournment:** The Study Session was adjourned by voice vote at 8:19 PM.