

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, August 25, 2010**

Members of the Highland Redevelopment Commission (“RC”, “Commission”) met on Wednesday, August 25, 2010, at 6:34 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 Bridget DeYoung, Greg Kuzmar, Michael Maloney, Tom Crowel and Dominic Noce. Also in attendance were School Town of Highland Co-Commissioner Luanne Jurczak, Plan Commissioner Tom Vander Woude, Redevelopment Commission Attorney Carol Green-Fraley, Dan Botich from Cender & Co., and Redevelopment Director Cecile Petro. Economic Development Commissioner George VandeWerken entered later in the Study Session.

**General Substance of the Discussion**

**1. Redevelopment Area II Plan for the Business Corridors**

Dan Botich from Cender & Co. presented a draft copy of the Redevelopment Area II Plan for the Commissioners to review. He went through the various sections of the plan, including the introduction, statement of intent and purpose, commission authority, goals and objectives, Redevelopment Area II boundaries, statement on statutory findings, budget, funding, property acquisition, and etc.

Mr. Botich stated that the Commission will need to decide on what programs and opportunities they wish to pursue and include them in this twenty year Plan. Commissioners discussed the importance of the area to become tax abatement and tax increment funding ready. Pictures of each property will be included in the document and a list of property acquisitions by the Commission at some point in the future will also be a part of the document.

**2. Highland Main Street Organization**

The Director presented information on the Highland Main Street for the Commission to review for the next public meeting. The Commission will approve the by-laws, mission statement, and application to the Indiana Main Street Program.

**3. Business Expansion and Development in Highland**

The Director updated the Commission on business development in Highland.

**The Discussion ended at 9:35 PM.**