

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, February 24, 2010**

Members of the Highland Redevelopment Commission (“RC”, “Commission”) met on Wednesday, February 24, 2010, at 6:30 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, and Bridget DeYoung. Also in attendance were School Town of Highland appointed Commissioner Luanne Jurczak, Plan Commission member Daniel Grimmer and Redevelopment Director Cecile Petro. Commissioner Noce was absent with notice. Plan commissioner Daniel Grimmer exited at 7:30 PM and Plan Commissioner Tom Vander Woude entered the meeting at 7:40 PM.

General Substance of the Discussion

1. **Kiosks**
The Commission discussed the reduced lease price for the kiosks. Commissioner DeYoung reworked the kiosk brochure to reflect the reduced price. The Director will publicize the new rates at the Chamber meetings and through the *Gazebo Express*, the town’s newsletter.
2. **Bult Oil site**
Commissioners discussed selling the former Bult Oil site. The Director outlined the procedure that will be followed. The Commission directed Ms. Petro to draft the guidelines for the public notice to sell the property and to place this item on the public meeting agenda in March 2010.
3. **Meeting with Owners in the Light Industrial Area**
The Commission tentatively set a second meeting date, March 24, 2010, with owners in the light industrial area. Two topics will be covered: progress with the storm water situation in the area and the benefits of working with the Port of Indiana.
4. **GIS**
Commissioner DeYoung and the Director gave a brief recap of a meeting they attended on the usefulness of GIS for our discussions of the Redevelopment Area. The cost of the program was considered too expensive for the Redevelopment Commission alone. Unless other departments are interested in this technology, we will look at free programs that may exist to meet most of our concerns.
5. **Cender & Company Presentation**
Dan Botich from Cender & Company informed the Commission about developing new Economic Development and Redevelopment Areas. He also explained allocation areas and tax abatement.
6. **Business Expansion and Development in Highland**
The Director updated the Commission on business development in Highland.

The Discussion ended at 9:35 PM.