

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, January 26, 2011**

Members of the Highland Redevelopment Commission (“RC”, “Commission”) met on Wednesday, January 26, 2011, at 6:37 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, Tom Crowel and Dominic Noce. Also in attendance were School Town of Highland Co-Commissioner Larry Vassar, Economic Development Commissioner George VandeWerken and Redevelopment Director Cecile Petro.

**General Substance of the Discussion**

**1. Façade Improvement Grant Program**

Commissioner DeYoung presented a draft of the Façade Improvement Grant Program guidelines and application. After discussion, Commissioners were encouraged to send their comments to Commissioner DeYoung. Once Commissioners had reviewed the completed document, the Director will forward it to the Commission’s attorney for review. The Commission will then request a transfer of funds in order to begin the program.

**2. Storm water Run-off Recommendation to the Sanitary Board**

Commissioners discussed the upcoming meeting with the Sanitary Board in regards to the Commission’s Storm water Run-off Recommendation. The meeting will be on Tuesday, February 1, 2011, at the Municipal Building.

**3. Potential Purchase of Property**

Commissioners discussed various properties in town that may be available for purchase.

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

Commissioners reviewed the status of the new Plan. The Director encouraged the Commissioners to provide examples of minimum standards that they wish to see included within the new Plan. A resolution (2011-04) will be reviewed by the Town Council in an upcoming meeting. That resolution will remove the North Indianapolis Boulevard from the current Downtown Redevelopment Area, so that it can be included within the new Redevelopment Area Plan for the Business Corridors.

**5. Request for Marketing Funds from the Northwest Indiana Forum**

The Director presented an electronic letter from the Director of the Northwest Indiana Forum detailing their efforts to bring Illinois businesses to Northwest Indiana. They are requesting \$500.00 from the Commission for their efforts. The Commission directed the Ms. Petro to request further information on the participation of other communities and specific programs that will be funded.

**Business Expansion and Development in Highland**

The Director updated the Commission on business development in Highland.

**The Discussion ended at 8:42 PM.**