

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, June 16, 2010**

Members of the Highland Redevelopment Commission (“RC”, “Commission”) met on Wednesday, June 16, 2010, at 6:46 PM in the Downstairs Conference Room within the Municipal Building at 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana. Vice-President Greg Kuzmar called the meeting to order. Minutes were prepared by Cecile Petro, Redevelopment Director.

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

General Substance of the Discussion

1. **Agenda**
The Commission reviewed the agenda for the evening including the minutes and claims.
2. **Publicity on Highland**
Commissioner Maloney presented an article on the downtown which appeared in the town newsletter and explained his actions in relation to the article. Discussion ensued.

The Discussion ended at 7:02 PM. for the public meeting.

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING
June 16, 2010**

The Highland Redevelopment Commission (“Commission”, “RC”) met in a Public Meeting on June 16, 2010 at 7:02 PM in the Downstairs Conference Room within the Municipal Building at 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana. Vice-President Greg Kuzmar called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present on roll call included Redevelopment Commissioners Greg Kuzmar, Michael Maloney, 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. Absent with notice included Commissioners Dominic Noce and Tom Crowel.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSIONS:

Commissioner Maloney made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner DeYoung seconded the motion. **Minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.**

SPECIAL ORDERS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ACTION TO PAY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS:

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

BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS: None

The next public meeting will be held on July 14, 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 July 28, 2010 at 6:30 pm. The Commissioners agreed to cancel the regularly scheduled Study Session on June 23, 2010.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Maloney made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner DeYoung seconded the motion. **By a unanimous voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.**

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION RECONVENED
June 16, 2010**

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

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

General Substance of the Study Session

The Director presented the mission, by-laws, and work plan for the **establishment of the Main Streets Program**. The Commission directed Ms. Petro to send those documents to the Indiana Main Streets program for review and approval. She stated that the program will initially be under the Redevelopment Commission until the Highland Community Foundation is established. Once the documents are approved, the Commission will expand membership to include town organizations and the public.

Indiana Main Streets will provide a workshop on June 24, 2010 at Griffith High School. Commissioner DeYoung and the Director will attend the workshop to gain additional information on the statewide program and possible funding sources for Highland’s Main Street program.

Director Petro provided an update on the **tax abatement request from Circle Buick GMC**. She stated that on June 7, 2010, the Town Council acted on the first step to declare 2440 45th Street an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA). On July 21, 2010, the Council will act on *confirming* that area an ERA, as well as introducing an ordinance to *declare* the area an Economic Development Target Area, an area ready for retail tax abatement. The Council will also take up the specific tax abatement request from Circle Buick GMC.

The Director provided a review of the recent **CIP (Chicago Industrial Properties) Conference** she attended.

Ms. Petro informed the Commission about possible **business development efforts** in town.

Adjournment: The Study Session was adjourned by voice vote at 8:58 PM.