

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, March 10, 2010**

Members of the Highland Redevelopment Commission (“RC”, “Commission”) met on Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at 6:39 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 Substitute School Board Commissioner Larry Vassar, Attorney Carol Green-Fraley, and Redevelopment Director Cecile Petro. Commissioner Noce was absent with notice.

**General Substance of the Discussion**

**1. Kiosks**

The Commission reviewed the revised kiosk lease document which reflects the reduced lease price. The Commission directed Ms. Petro to contact former leasees to see if they would like to take advantage of the reduced price before we publicize the new rate.

**2. Kiosk Panel for the Centennial**

The Commission discussed the development of a kiosk panel for the Centennial.

**3. Bult Oil site**

Attorney Green-Fraley provided the Commission with additional information on the procedure for selling the former Bult Oil site.

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

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
PUBLIC MEETING  
March 10, 2010**

The Highland Redevelopment Commission (“Commission”, “RC”) met in a Public Meeting on March 10, 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, and Bridget DeYoung. Dominic Noce was absent with notice. Also in attendance were Attorney Carol Green-Fraley and Substitute School Board Commissioner Larry Vassar. Taking minutes for the meeting was Director Petro.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSIONS:**

Minutes were approved by general consent.

**SPECIAL ORDERS: None**

**COMMUNICATIONS: None**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Kuzmar made a motion to approve changes to the Kiosk Lease Agreement. This action will reduce the amount for an annual kiosk lease. Commissioner Maloney seconded the motion. **By unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.**

Commissioner DeYoung made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-06, A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Development and Printing of a Kiosk Panel and Free Kiosk Space to Provide a Schedule of Centennial Events for the Town of Highland, not to exceed \$200. Commissioner Kuzmar seconded the motion. **By unanimous voice vote, the resolution passed.**

Commissioner Maloney made a motion to approve and authorize a public notice in regularly circulated local newspapers for the sale of the former Bult Oil property located at 2606 and 2608 Garfield, and 2609 and 2605 Condit Avenue. Commissioner Kuzmar seconded the motion. **By unanimous voice vote, the motion was approved.**

**ACTION TO PAY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS:**

Commissioner DeYoung made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims as presented by the Director. Commissioner Kuzmar 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 April 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 March 24, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Kuzmar made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Maloney seconded the motion. **By a unanimous voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.**

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
STUDY SESSION RECONVENED  
March 10, 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, and Bridget DeYoung. Commissioners Noce was absent with notice. Also in attendance was Attorney Carol Green-Fraley, Substitute School Board Commissioner Larry Vassar, and Redevelopment Director Cecile Petro.

**General Substance of the Study Session**

Some Commissioners may attend the **Pride & Pedestal event** on April 8, 2010, sponsored by the Innovators Society of Northwest Indiana. Director Petro will attend the North West Indiana Forum’s Networking Event on that same date.

The **second meeting with the owners in the largest light industrial area** in Highland will meet on March 24, 2010 at 5:00 PM at the Municipal Building. Public Works Director John Bach and Indiana Port Director Peter Laman will address the group.

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.

An update on the **Lake County Housing Task Force** was tabled.

Commissioners discussed information presented by **Mr. Dan Botich from Cender & Company** at their last Study Session on February 24, 2010. The Commission directed Mrs. Petro to prepare maps of possible business areas to designate as Redevelopment Areas or Economic Development Areas. Commissioners would also like to invite our liaison to the Town Council, Mr. Dan Vassar, to attend our next meeting.

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

**Adjournment:** The Study Session was adjourned by voice vote at 9:40 PM.