

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, September 22, 2010**

Members of the Highland Redevelopment Commission (“RC”, “Commission”) met on Wednesday, September 22, 2010, at 6:45 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 Greg Kuzmar, Michael Maloney, Tom Crowel and Dominic Noce. Also in attendance were School Town of Highland Co-Commissioner Larry Vassar, 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. Commissioner Bridget DeYoung was absent with notice.

General Substance of the Discussion

1. Redevelopment Area II Plan for the Business Corridors

Dan Botich from Cender & Co. presented the results of the survey which was distributed to all town board and commission members and Chamber members. He also presented pictures on each property within the Redevelopment Area II. This area includes Indianapolis Boulevard, 45th Street, and parts of Main Street and Ridge Road. The Commission noticed areas that had a good commercial mix and were well kept and inviting; as well as, areas needing landscaping, sidewalks, and greenery. Mr. Botich stated that he will have a draft of the Plan available next month for the Commission to review.

2. Highland Main Street Organization

The Director stated that Highland’s Main Street Program has been approved. The head of Indiana Main Streets will meet with the Commission before the end of the year to assess whether or not Highland has a sustainable group going forward.

3. Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Grant

Mrs. Petro presented a draft of the Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Grant application that she is pursuing with Indiana University Northwest and SEH. The application is due September 27, 2010.

4. Business Expansion and Development in Highland

The Director updated the Commission on business development in Highland.

The Discussion ended at 10:10 PM.