

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, September 23, 2009**

The Highland Redevelopment Commission (“RC”, “Commission”) met in Study Session on Wednesday, September 23, 2009, at 6:35 PM in the Upper Conference Room within the Municipal Building at 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana. The Study Session was called to order by President Adam Gawlikowski. The minutes were prepared by Cecile Petro, Redevelopment Director.

ROLL CALL: Commissioners present on silent roll call included Dominic Noce, Greg Kuzmar, and Tom Crowel. Also in attendance were Substitute School Town of Highland appointed Commissioner Larry Vassar and Redevelopment Director Cecile Petro. Commissioner Rich was absent with notice.

General Substance of the Study Session

1. Propel Conference

Director Petro provided information on the upcoming entrepreneurship conference entitled “Propel”, which is scheduled for November 13, 2009, at Faith Church in Dyer, Indiana. It will begin at 8:00 am. Commissioners are encouraged to spread the word about the conference to increase the number of attendees. The goal of the conference is to create and encourage entrepreneurship in Northwest Indiana, including Highland. Commissioners suggested contacting local office supply stores and alert the school system about the conference.

2. Kiosk Panel Marketing

Ms. Petro informed the Commission that she needed additional ideas for marketing the kiosks. Commissioners suggested contacting some of the larger businesses in town. An article will also be placed in the town’s newsletter.

3. Architectural and Design Standards and Guidelines, also known as the Supplement to the Highland Municipal Code, Section 214.180: RD-Redevelopment District

The Director updated the Commission on the Architectural and Design Standards and Guidelines. She will make a presentation to the Town Council on October 5, 2009 at 7:00 pm. October 12, 2009 is the proposed date for the Council to approve the design standards at their public meeting.

4. Possible Façade Improvement Program

Commissioners discussed a possible façade improvement program for the Redevelopment Area. They directed Ms. Petro to explore façade programs in other cities and towns and to request information from the RC Attorney on her efforts to facilitate these types of programs.

5. Possible Industrial Park Property Owners meeting

The RC directed Ms. Petro to develop a general letter to owners within the light industrial area to ascertain if there is interest in meeting to discuss the future of the area.

6. Riverfront Development District (RDD) Application

Commissioners reviewed the changes on the RDD application and asked that this item be placed on the next public meeting agenda for approval.

7. Society of Innovators Award Ceremony

Ms. Petro asked how many Commissioners will be attending the Award Ceremony for the Society of Innovators on October 15, 2009 at the Horseshoe Casino in Hammond from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The following stated that they will be attending: Greg Kuzmar, Dominic Noce, Adam Gawlikowski, and possibly, Tom Crowel. The award will be given for the unique phyto-remediation project at the Bult Oil site located between Garfield and Condit Streets along 1st Street.

8. Business Expansion and Development in Highland

The Director updated the Commission on business development in Highland.

The Study Session was adjourned at 8:52 PM.