

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018**

Members of the Highland Redevelopment Commission (“RC”, “Commission”) met on Monday, June 4, 2018 in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building located at 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana. President Bernie Zemen called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. Minutes were prepared by Kathy DeGuilio-Fox, Redevelopment Director.

Roll Call: Commissioners present were Mark Herak, Michael Griffin, Steve Wagner and Bernie Zemen. Commissioner Dan Vassar was absent with prior notice. A quorum was attained.

Additional Officials Present: Pat Krull, School Town of Highland Commissioner; Rhett Tauber, Esq. Redevelopment Commission Attorney; Kathy DeGuilio-Fox, Redevelopment Director; Larry Kondrat, Board of Waterworks Directors and Ed Dabrowski, IT Consultant were also present.

Additionally present: Mark Schocke, Esq., Maria, Ignacio and Isis Curiel were additionally present.

General Substance of the Discussion

Downtown Business Update: Director DeGuilio-Fox reported that the sale of Lincoln’s is pending as is the sale of Anthony’s, which is dependent on whether the variance they are seeking is granted. Two additional businesses will be coming to the downtown later this summer. Both are filling currently vacant storefronts on Highway Avenue. Erna & Company, going into the former Prompt Ambulance office on Jewett, continues to renovate although they should be opening soon.

Petrites Property: Ms. DeGuilio-Fox advised that she is preparing an RFP and will seek landscape designs for a beautification project on the former Petrites property. Another monument is not planned rather, something similar to other gateway landscaping in Highland. She also reported having spoken with Matt Felder from View Outdoor Advertising in reference to the Town of Highland advertising upcoming large events being held in town. Because this was included in the agreement between the Town and View, Ms. DeGuilio-Fox wanted to get approval from the Commissioners to advertise Highland’s larger events. Discussion ensued. Permission was given.

Maria’s Bueno Cucina: Attorney Tauber introduced Mark Schocke, attorney for the Curiel’s. He commented on all that has transpired over the past several months during the family’s search for a new restaurant location. Attorney Schocke advised that the Curiel’s have worked through some of the lease details and will move forward. Attorney Schocke further commented that it has been a difficult time and that the reports in the press have been alarming. Mrs. Curiel also shared her thoughts and comments about the family’s search for a new location. Several Commissioners asked what help is needed to enable the move and if the family is asking for more time. Discussion ensued. Attorney Schocke promised they would move forward as quickly as possible and get back in touch with the Redevelopment Director as soon as they are able to.

Bult Oil Property: Director DeGuilio-Fox advised that there is now a third business interested in the Bult Oil property and, that the two others continue to be interested and wait for a decision.

Car Cruise: Ms. DeGuilio-Fox advised that the recent Car Cruise event was a success. Thunder Road reported about 200 cars on-site for the day. Both Thunder Road and several sponsors presented awards during the event, all of which were well received. Ms. DeGuilio-Fox thanked the Highland VIPs who did a

great job of clearing the streets and directing traffic away from Highway Avenue during the event. Thanks also went out to Highland Public Works, Police and Fire Departments and the Highland Main Street volunteers. Everyone involved helped make it a successful event.

There being no further discussion, the June 4, 2018 Study Session of the Highland Redevelopment Commission ended at 8:12 p.m.