

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
SPECIAL STUDY SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 23, 2018**

Members of the Highland Redevelopment Commission (“RC”, “Commission”) met on Monday, July 23, 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 8:05 p.m. Minutes were prepared by Kathy DeGuilio-Fox, Redevelopment Director.

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

Also Present: Susan Murovic, Board of Zoning Appeals; Larry Kondrat, Board of Waterworks; Terry Stegall, Rick Volbrecht, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Black and Carrie Napolean, Post Tribune were also present.

General Substance of the Discussion

Maria’s Bueno Cocina: The Commissioners were previously unable to come to a final decision in regard to the request from Maria’s Buena Cocina for a forgivable loan and had asked for additional time to deliberate. As the issue was being considered alternative options were discussed as potential ways to meet the request from Maria’s. With that in mind, Commissioner Griffin opened the special study session by commenting on the proposed new interior improvement grant program. Commissioner Griffin expressed his feelings that this program is modeled after the successful facade improvement program and thereby offers a way to make decisions regarding requests such as Maria’s Bueno Cocina submitted, based on policy rather than as an adhoc decision. And, a program such as this is responsive to the needs of Highland’s businesses when necessary. Various comments were expressed and questions asked by the Commissioners. Also, comments were received from Highland residents Larry Kondrat and Terry Stegall. Discussion ensued. Following lengthy discussion, Director DeGuilio-Fox was asked to move forward with the development of the improvement program guidelines. In response, Ms. DeGuilio-Fox also asked for feedback from the Commissioners as she continues to craft the program language.

On another matter, Commissioner Herak asked if all of the roof repair/replacement estimates solicited from local roofing contractors had been received. The Commissioners were informed that several had been received but not all of them. Those that had not been received had been promised for the following week. Ms. DeGuilio-Fox will contact those that contractors who have not yet been responsive to the request for repair/replacement estimates.

There being no further discussion, the July 23, 2018 Study Session of the Highland Redevelopment Commission adjourned at 8:30 p.m.