

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, July 29, 2015**

Members of the Highland Redevelopment Commission ("RC", "Commission") met on Wednesday, July 29, 2015, at 6:17 PM in the Upper Conference Room within the Municipal Building at 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana. President Dominic Noce called the meeting to order. Minutes were prepared by Cecile Petro, Redevelopment Director.

ROLL CALL: Commissioners present included Greg Kuzmar, Dominic Noce, and Rachel Delaney. Commissioners Jim Kessler and Kathy DeGuilio-Fox were absent with notice.

General Substance of the Discussion

1. Town Theatre

The Request for Proposals for an architect to complete phase II of the design for the Town Theatre was let on July 16, 2015 and responses are due on August 17, 2015. The Director reported that two site visits have been requested by architectural firms.

The Director reported that the closing to purchase 8610 and 8612 Kennedy Avenue is tentatively scheduled for early August.

No items were offered for the Town Theatre Board's next meeting agenda. Commissioners asked the Director to conduct more research on the possible revenue generating uses for the theatre.

2. Art & Cultural District

The Art & Cultural District survey was sent to all households in Highland. To date, about one thousand have been returned and are being tabulated by staff and a volunteer. The results will be provided to the subcontractor, SEH, to be included within the Art & Cultural District Plan.

Commissioners postponed the planning exercise developed by SEH until all members of the Commission could be present.

Director Petro reported that Attorney Green-Fraley will report the uses of property that has gone through the condemnation process when she completes her research.

Commissioners asked the Director to write a letter to the owner of 2711 and 2717 Condit Street to follow up on a previous offer to purchase.

3. Highland Main Street

The Car Cruise is scheduled for October 3, 2015 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM and the Festival of the Trail is scheduled for October 10, 2015 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The Brew and Barbeque event will not be held this year with the Car Cruise. The Council of Community Events decided against holding the event. Paintings from Our Lady of Grace elementary school will be on display in the fall in downtown businesses as part of the Fall Art Display. The next Main Street meeting will be Thursday, August 6, 2015.

4. Proposed Highland Business Park on Kennedy Avenue

The Director reported that the Town Council at their Study Session of July 20, 2015 stated that they would like the Commission to proceed with an engineering study of the area. The Commission asked the Director to invite several firms to discuss how they would go about providing a study of the area at individual meetings.

5. **2016 Proposed Budget**

The Commission reviewed both the General Fund Budget and the Capital Fund Budget for 2016. The Clerk-Treasurer's deadline for the budget is scheduled before the next public meeting of the Commission; therefore, a draft will be sent to that office before approval. The Commission will vote on the budget during their August 12, 2015 public meeting.

6. **Development in Highland**

Director Petro answered questions from the Commission regarding projects and proposed projects in Highland.

Discussion ended at 7:50 PM