# HIGHLAND REDEVELOMPENT COMMISSION STUDY SESSION MINUTES WEDNESDAY, October 28, 2015

Members of the Highland Redevelopment Commission ("RC", "Commission") met on Wednesday, October 28, 2015, at 6:05 PM in the Upper Conference Room within the Municipal Building at 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana. Vice President Greg Kuzmar called the meeting to order. Minutes were prepared by Cecile Petro, Redevelopment Director.

**ROLL CALL:** Commissioners present included Greg Kuzmar, Jim Kessler, Rachel Delaney, and Kathy DeGuilio-Fox. Also present included Town Councilman Dan Vassar and Attorney Carol Green-Fraley. Commissioner Dominic Noce was absent with notice.

#### General Substance of the Discussion

#### 1. Kennedy and Main Street

Commissioners discussed talking to two to three firms regarding an engineering study of the north west corner of Kennedy and Main Streets. The study should provide information on possible property uses for the area.

### 2. Town Theatre

Commissioner Kuzmar will review the AIA contract utilized by many architectural firms and then he will send his comments to Attorney Green-Fraley. Once that is completed, one of the firms will be contacted and contract discussions will commence.

#### 3. Art & Cultural District

Commissioners discussed the progress on the Art & Cultural District plan to date. They would like the contractor, SEH, to provide additional information on what works and what does not work in Art & Cultural Districts. Secondly, the Commission would like information to assist them in their decision of managing the best and highest use of the property versus the need for adequate parking. A meeting will be scheduled soon with SEH and representatives of the Commission and Public Works.

Commissioners also discussed whether to extend the Art & Cultural District south to include a new art gallery that will be located at 8830 Kennedy Avenue on the west side of the street and the retail businesses (Primitive Peddler, Miles Books, and a possible coffee shop) on the east side of the street.

Commissioners requested that environmental studies be completed on 8630 Kennedy, 2711 & 2717 Condit, and 8610 & 8612 Kennedy. They also directed the Director to turn on the utilities at 8610 & 8612 Kennedy.

## 4. Development in Highland

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

Discussion ended at 7:02 PM