

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022**

Members of the Highland Redevelopment Commission (“RC”, “Commission”) met in person at the Highland Municipal Building on Tuesday, May 10, 2022. The study session was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Commission President Sean Conley.

Minutes were prepared by Kathy DeGuilio-Fox, Redevelopment Director and Recording Secretary.

**Roll Call:** Commissioners present in person included Sean Conley, George Georgeff, Cyril Huerter, Bill Leep and Alex Robertson. A quorum was established.

**Additional Officials Present:** Pat Krull, School Town of Highland Representative and non-voting member to the Redevelopment Commission; Ed Dabrowski, IT Director; and Lance Ryskamp, Redevelopment Assistant were present in person. Kathy DeGuilio-Fox, Redevelopment Director attended electronically.

**Additional Attendees:** Dan Botich, Associate & Sr. Economic Development Professional, SEH of Indiana, LLC.

**General Substance of the Discussion**

1. Highland Redevelopment Commission Presentation, pursuant to IC 36-7-25-8, to Overlapping Taxing Units with Respect to 2021 Budget Year Determination for Tax Increment for Highland Allocation Areas: Ms. DeGuilio-Fox re-introduced Dan Botich to the Commissioners and asked that he go ahead with his presentation, a presentation that is mad annually. Mr. Botich reminded the Commissioners that his presentation is required by Indiana Statute and must be made to the overlapping taxing units who have territories within the allocation area(s) of Highland to satisfy IC 36-7-25-8. A hard copy of the presentation was provided to each of the Commissioners and those in attendance. A hard copy will also be sent by Ms. DeGuilio-Fox to those of the overlapping taxing units that were not in attendance. Questions and discussion followed Mr. Botich’s presentation.
2. **New Director Search:** Ms. DeGuilio-Fox asked if the Commissioners had reviewed the interview schedule that she’d sent them and reminded them that their first interview with an external candidate was scheduled for 7:45. Brief discussion ensued.
3. **Redevelopment Commission Comments:**
  - a. As part of the discussion about the EV charging stations the Commission discussed purchasing additional chargers believing that with the price of gas (petroleum products) more people will be buying electric vehicles. Discussion ensued regarding this purchase of additional chargers and if they might be installed in Main Square. Construction of the proposed trolley station in the parking lot was also discussed. Discussion ensued. Ms. DeGuilio-Fox was asked if the cost of a trolley was included in the original parking lot renovation budget.
  - b. Commissioner Georgeff opened discussion about the parking spaces that are in front of the former 1<sup>st</sup> Midwest Bank and whether they could be restriped to allow for public parking. Ms. DeGuilio-Fox advised she had discussed it with Mr. Mika and he thought they could not. He explained that the downtown needs the handicap parking spots to remain because the downtown has a shortage already. And, he felt that it is

important they remain because Milestone Therapy clients use them. Discussion ensued. Commissioners wish to pursue the issue. The commissioners feel that with the library renovating the parking lot they should not be allowed to enter from Highway Avenue but instead enter the parking lot off of 4<sup>th</sup> Street on the east side of the lot. Commissioner Georgeff wished to pursue the idea with the Traffic Safety Committee and will seek to be included on the next agenda. The Redevelopment Commission will pursue the addition of parking spaces.

- c. Commissioner Conley asked the status of the Jewett Street bike rack. Ms. DeGuilio-Fox advised she had spoken with Trevor Kinley, from the parks department, just prior to the study session and he continues to work on the concrete arrangements hoping that a parks employee will be able to install the concrete pad. Trevor advised he would send an update to Redevelopment when he has one. Ms. DeGuilio-Fox advised she had asked Trevor as well as Alex Brown what the cost would be and was assured that the cost would be minimal.
- d. Ms. DeGuilio-Fox advised the Commission that two planters in front of Maria's were reported as in disrepair. After inspecting the damage Mark Knesek asked Angotti Landscaping to repair the planters. Angotti is replacing pavers and the top concrete pieces as well as tuck-pointing and replacing mortar between the pavers. The planters have been in place since the streetscape project was completed nearly three decades ago.

There being no further discussion the Redevelopment Commission study session was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy DeGuilio-Fox, Recording Secretary.