

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022**

Members of the Highland Redevelopment Commission (RC Commission) met in person at Town Hall on Tuesday October 25, 2022. The Study session was called to order at by President, Sean Conley.

**Present:** Commissioners Sean Conley, George Georgeff, Cy Huerter, Bill Leep and Alex Robertson were present in person at Town Hall.

**Also Present:** None

**Additional Officials Present:** Commission Attorney John Reed

**General Substance and Discussion**

1. **IT** – Conversation ensued - for the Wayfinding signs QR code and where does it go. There could be several QR codes for businesses. Possibly an additional website that goes along with this wayfinding. That QR code then could go to that website with all of our restaurants. Commissioner Roberts stated that what the South Shore does when you get into their sponsorship package, basically a list of restaurants, picture, address, the hours, then you can click on it for more information. That would be nice to have something like that, or it could even go to a map, that way we could keep it updated as businesses change. And the businesses themselves have their own QR code. The business could pay \$80 or \$90 dollars to get that spot? Visitors Center might be a good place for Ed, from IT to start. Basically, getting people into Downtown. Suggestion was made that the electric downtown charges have a QR code for Highland. Commissioner Sean stated that we should have Maria check the E chargers reports as part of the study sessions. How the use, are they still working. Someone was out from the State last month. The clerk treasures office should have an accounting for them, for the funds that we are receiving for anyone that is using them. There are warranties with them and we have not heard that there have been any maintenance issues so far, they are in working conditions. Clean Air Initiative\_Commissioner Sean, Clean Air initiative that we are part of, when we went to that function. I guess there is a fee to be part of that, it's like \$1,000 dollars to be part of this initiate, as a membership. Which is part of this whole EV money that we received. It helps Highland look good to be part of this, there is going to be more demand for that.
2. **Commercial Property Improvement Program** So we know from this spread sheet print out that 2907 Jewett, which is the Belmonte, the pizzeria is still pending. Commissioner Sean, said the Parkinson's is the one that is in question for the furnace. It said on the application that it was an acceptable expense for the interior, I think they did everything right. You are extending the longevity of an old building, instead of demolition of these older buildings, it's a good thing. To give incentives to these smaller businesses to rehab to keep something alive and around. It specific to older buildings. We have \$100,000 per year and 30% of the total cost maximum 40,000. It has to go to the Council to encumber. Nothing has gone out this year, but the Brumms will be going out this year.
3. **Commissioner Comments** Commissioner Georgeff, I have asked Bernie about email issues for us. Is there that much of an expense to create of an email? John will check with the Council

know. Unless we set up Gmail accounts, that would be our official Redevelopment email accounts. The Town of Dyer has emails, it not a great cost.