

HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

STUDY SESSION MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 27TH, 2023

Members of the Highland Redevelopment Commission (RC Commission) met in person at Town Hall on Tuesday, June 27th, 2023.

The Study session was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Sean Conley.

Present: Commissioners Sean Conley, George Georgeff, Bill Leep, and Town Council President Tom Black were present in person at Town Hall.

Commissioner Alex Robertson was excused.

Additional Officials Present: Susan Hale, Assistant Redevelopment Director; Maria Becerra, Redevelopment Director; Pat Krull, Non-Voting Commissioner & School Town Representative; John Reed, Attorney

Also Present:

General Substance and Discussion

1. Wayfinding Signs Update – President Sean Conley asked Redevelopment Staff about responses from businesses and Assistant Director Susan Hale explained that they had received nearly 40 panel designs, and Director Maria Becerra named a few of them. Maria Becerra also explained that the large parking lot sign will be installed on Thursday, June 29th. The Commission then asked some specific questions about the map that is on the large sign, and what is featured on this map.
2. Highland Neighbors for Sustainability Update – The Commission was given an update on some of HNS's recent efforts, including the SolSmart presentation they gave to the Town Council.
3. Highland Main Street Update – The Commission was notified about the meeting date and time change that was decided at the last meeting. President Sean Conley shared some recent communications with Ben and Renee Reinhart where they had explained to him how successful the Community Garden was this year, compared to previous years, which can be attributed to all of the help they received from HNS. The Commission then had some discussion about how busy downtown Highland is, and how this Restaurant Crawl is a success. Assistant Director Susan Hale also shared with the Commission that at the HMS meeting, there were people there talking about the Sidewalk Chalk Art Event in Crown Point and what they could do for Highland. Attorney John Reed asked about the fastpitch softball competition coming to NWI and if HMS was doing any events downtown to cater to the tourism coming from this event. Assistant Director Susan Hale explained that Lance Ryskamp from the HighlandGriffith Chamber of Commerce did speak to the HMS board at their last meeting.
4. Commissioner Comments – President Sean Conley explained to the Commission that he had an initial conversation with the owner of Aide Rental about possibly discussing purchasing the property, and he asked the Commission if he should initiate another conversation. Attorney John Reed said that during the Plenary Meeting, a Commissioner could make a motion to amend the agenda, and add the Aide Rental property under New Business. The Commission discussed this.

The meeting was adjourned by President Sean Conley at 6:48 pm.