

HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 2023

Members of the Highland Redevelopment Commission (RC Commission) met in person at Town Hall on Tuesday, August 8th, 2023.

The Study session was called to order at 6:33 pm by President Sean Conley.

Present: Commissioners Sean Conley, Alex Robertson, and Tom Black were present in person at Town Hall.

Commissioner George Georgeff was excused.

Additional Officials Present: Susan Hale, Assistant Redevelopment Director; Maria Becerra, Redevelopment Director

Non-Voting Commissioner & School Town Representative Pat Krull was excused.

Attorney John Reed was absent.

Also Present: None

General Substance and Discussion

1. Parking Lot Electric – The Commission was presented again with 2 quotes for electric that the electrical inspector provided Director Becerra with. Director Becerra also explained the time sensitivity of this project, as well as some other details. Discussion ensued, then the Commission directed redevelopment staff to ask for appropriations for this project.
2. TIF Merger – The Commission was presented with the timeline provided by Dan Botich of SEH outlining how long it would take to complete this project, including the upcoming Town Council and Plan Commission meetings where action needs to be taken. President Sean Conley also explained the quote provided by Dan Botich, citing that Dan sent a not-to-exceed amount of \$6,000 with a commitment to stay as close to \$5,500 as possible. The Commission requested that Director Becerra sign the contract with Dan Botich so he can get started, and ask for appropriations.
3. 2024 Budget – The Commission was informed about what was discussed during the meeting that Director Becerra and President Conley had with Clerk-Treasurer Herak this afternoon. Director Becerra explained that general expenditures are what needs to be entered into Gateway. The Commission also discussed the property on Indianapolis and the \$40,000 that the Town receives yearly for that property. President Conley proposed that the funds in entirety or a portion of the funds received every year go into an account that Redevelopment has access to in order to maintain the property. Other benefits to this were also discussed by the Commission.
4. Commissioner Comments – President Conley expressed again that he would like the \$100k in the budget for the Commercial Property Improvement Grant. President Conley also explained that Councilwoman Smith had spoken with the owners of Elements Cigar Lounge and asked Redevelopment to provide them with a copy of the Grant application and guidelines, which they were provided with. Director Becerra told the Commission about the NWI Parkinsons grand reopening on Friday, and asked if they wanted Assistant Director Hale to RSVP for any of them. President Conley recalled that Clerk-Treasurer Herak needs to swear himself and Alex Robertson in for bonds.

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