

HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday August 10th, 2026

Members of the Highland Redevelopment Commission (RC Commission) met in person at Town Hall on Monday, August 10th, 2026. The Study session was called to order at 8:32^{pm} by President Alex Robertson.

Roll Call/Commissioners Present at Town Hall George Georgeff, Tom Black, Alex Robertson, Doug Turich, Phil Scheeringa and Pat Krull, School Town Representative were present.

Funds for DORA Signs- Commissioner Robertson will take care of the logistics and the signs will be ready for the Big Crawl . Public Works will be installing the signs . Redevelopment will pay for the signs and poles that should be under \$2000.00. Commissioner Robertson purchased 9,000 cups for the Big Crawl Main Street would like to be the preferred vendor of the cups . There was some discussion on what the money can also be used . The money that is made could be used to get better bands or garbage cans for downtown .

Legacy Grant Status - They have started with the designers and have a muralist also and will be presenting it before Legacy Grant Group in October . It's going to be low maintenance .The Grant is up to a \$1,000,000.00 and ours is \$850,000.00 range.

Attorney Reed stated the Fireworks in Storage

Attorney Reed stated We still have to keep them there .The last time he emailed Peter Hudson who was Insurance Company Attorney they made a motion to dismiss the criminal matter which George and I and the chief and the officers who were on that scene met prosecutors and they talked about testimony and all those issues and had a lot of evidence prepared and the motion to dismiss was defeated . The criminal case continues to move forward which is good. The fire works it is the physical evidence of what was in the store .We don't want to give them back to them and I don't know legally if we can give it back to them because They no longer have a valid license . They don't even want them back because they no longer are supposed to possess them and he knows Mark Knesek was concerned about it being a fire hazard and he doesn't like the fact that it is just sitting there but there is not really much I can do at this point.

Commissioner Scheeringa asked if there in a Conex box ?

Attorney Reed answered yes

Commissioner Scheeringa stated there in legal storage

Attorney Reed reiterated there isn't much he can do

Attorney Reed concerning the status of the Home Ownership Documents.

He has to send those in and he has modified the mortgage that he would normally use and took everything out but the default and foreclosure . So he took a 15-page document and turned it into a 4-page document and there are no payments to be made on it and it decreases by \$1,000 each year until it extinguishes and the note matches it . All that has to be done is fill in the names and dates and they are ready to go .He will send them out tomorrow .

Commissioner Georgeff mentioned that Maria had one of the police officers come in and they called me and I said we would have to discuss it but he didn't think it qualifies, He further explained that this officer was getting a divorce and in this divorce he has to pay or buy his wife out and that is part of the settlement . He wanted to know if he could use the \$10,000.00 to pay his wife off for staying ?

Commissioner Georgeff stated he didn't think that qualifies

Commissioner Georgeff explained that he could take out a \$10,000.00 home equity loan and pay his wife with that but he would lose the residency stipend because he would have to move out of town.

Attorney Reed stated it's not set up to revise

Commissioner Georgeff stated unfortunately we are not giving money to the individual , it goes to the title company for the closing. The person never touches the money because that makes it tax deductible or not taxable .

Attorney Reed stated concerning the status of the Ultra Property

Commissioner Robertson mentioned that this had been talked about on Saturday there was some movement has been made concerning some parcels and Attorney Reed had mentioned that they were talking about some different ideas for use .

Attorney Reed stated that he would like to talk about that during an Executive Session whenever the commission can or want to because there are enough moving parts that I don't really want to ,it's a litigation strategy . It's a question of working with them or not and what we ought to do. There are too many details .

Commissioner Georgeff mentioned we could do this after the next meeting .

Maria mentioned it would have to be at the Council level .

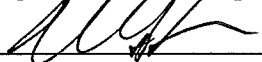
Commissioner Georgeff mentioned that it was the Council that would have to take action . so it would be the Council's advertisement . He asked Maria to let Mark know so he can advertise it .

Attorney Reed stated it's like a settlement offer but there is still something I need to communicate

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting Adjourned at: 8:45^{pm}

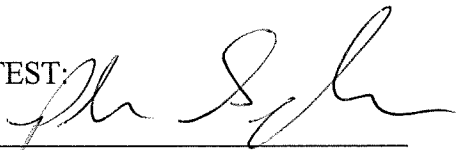
DULY PASSED AND RESOLVED by the Highland Redevelopment Commission, Highland, Lake County, Indiana, this 24th day of August 2026, having passed by a vote 5 in favor and 0 opposed

Highland Redevelopment Commission



President

ATTEST:



Secretary