

City of Crown Point
Redevelopment Commission
Meeting Minutes – Monday, March 7th, 2022
5:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Held Via Zoom – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83190121972>

Members Present:

Andrew Kyres	Carol Drasga
Brad Bosse - Zoom	Aaron McDermott
Tom Keilman	Tom Hoffman - Zoom

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Dave Uran, Mayor
Greg Falkowski, Chief of Staff
David H. Nichols, Attorney
Alex Kutanovski, Attorney
Adam Graper, PACE
Mary Freda, Media

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Aaron McDermott. The assemblage recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Keilman made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 7th, 2022, Redevelopment Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kyres and passed with the following vote:
Brad Bosse – Yes, Tom Keilman – Yes, Carol Drasga – Yes, Andrew Kyres -Yes, Aaron McDermott – Yes

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Lighting Canopy Over Clark St – Adam Graper stated that one of the beatification ideas for the downtown area was to do a light canopy from City Hall to the Building Dept above Clark St. Mr. Graper would like the RDC’s permission to get RFPs for this project. He is anticipating the cost to be between \$7,500.00 - \$8,500.00. These lights would allow for some new events. Mayor stated that he had a chance to visit some other city’s historical downtown areas that had something similar, and it really added to the downtown area and allowed for some new events like Dinner on Clark. Have the street lit up with tables, linens and serve a meal. There’s an opportunity for fund raisers with our local restaurants with funds going toward downtown improvements. It would really accent our traditional historic downtown area. Ms. Drasga stated

that she feels the downtown restaurants have taken a great lead on that, and they seem to be keeping up with the lighting year-round. Mayor suggested approving going out for RFP's and an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Ms. Drasga made a motion to approve getting RFP's not to exceed \$10,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kyres and passed with the following vote: Brad Bosse – Yes, Tom Keilman – Yes, Carol Drasga – Yes, Andrew Kyres -Yes, Aaron McDermott – Yes

Parking MOU for the Library/ City of Crown Point/ RDC Agreement- Alex Kutanovski stated that this an MOU between the library, City of Crown Point and RDC which would supplement the previous MOU from years ago that the RDC entered into with the library parking spaces and green spaces between the library and the municipal lot. This MOU allows the city to gain access to the library parking lot on the north side with the expansion of a city lot, north of that. The city would agree to maintain the sidewalks between the library and Main St. Board of Works and the library have already approved it. Maintenance of the parking lots would be the city's responsibility.

Mr. Keilman made a motion to approve MOU. The motion was seconded by Ms. Drasga and passed with the following vote: Brad Bosse – Yes, Tom Keilman – Yes, Carol Drasga – Yes, Andrew Kyres -Yes, Aaron McDermott – Yes

I65 West 109th Ave – Draw 23 - Jeff Ban Stated that he is requesting approval of Draws 23 in the amount of \$1,495,670.94. The majority of this draw is for the expenses incurred for a major pipeline relocation for Buckeye Pipeline. Ms. Drasga asked if the legal department has reviewed and approved. Attorney Kutanovski stated that both he and Attorney Nichols have reviewed and approved the draw.

Mr. Kyres made a motion to approve Draw 23. The motion was seconded by Ms. Drasga and passed with the following vote: Brad Bosse – Yes, Tom Keilman – Abstained, Carol Drasga – Yes, Andrew Kyres -Yes, Aaron McDermott – Yes

Other business to come before the board

None

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

Ms. Drasga made a motion to approve the invoices on 2022-3-031. Motion was seconded by Mr. Keilman. Motion was passed with the following vote: Brad Bosse – Yes, Tom Keilman – Yes, Carol Drasga – Yes, Andrew Kyres -Yes, Aaron McDermott – Yes

MISCELLANEOUS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Online Comment from Laurance Criswell Lighting canopy sounds like a great idea and will add some ambiance to downtown.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Drasga made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Kyres. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 5:46pm.

Sincerely,
Heather Evans
ACCEPTED & APPROVED
Chairperson
Date: _____