



REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
801 MICHIGAN AVENUE
LA PORTE, INDIANA 46350

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 24, 2019
5:15 P.M.
City of La Porte Council Chambers
801 Michigan Avenue
La Porte, Indiana

A meeting of the City of La Porte Redevelopment Commission ("Commission"), was held at the City of La Porte, City Hall, Council Chambers, in the City of La Porte ("City"), 801 Michigan Avenue, La Porte, Indiana, on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at the hour of 5:15 P.M., ("local time"), pursuant to notice duly given in accordance with the rules of the Commission and the Indiana Open Door Law.

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Gene Dollberg at 5:15 P.M.

Mr. Dollberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On call of the roll, the members of the Commission were shown to be present or absent as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Gene Dollberg, Mr. Brian Chalik, Mr. Tim Franke, and Mr. Tim Larson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Laura Konieczny.

GUESTS PRESENT: Ms. Beth Shrader, City Planner; Mr. Nick Minich, City Engineer; Mr. Matt Hagenow, Newby, Lewis, Kaminski and Jones; Joanne Layman; Deputy Clerk-Treasurer; Bert Cook, La Porte Economic Advancement Partnership Director; Mr. John Smith, HW Lochner.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MINUTES: March 27, 2019 Meeting Minutes were presented. Mr. Chalik moved to approve all minutes as presented; Mr. Franke seconded the motion; the motion carried.

CLAIMS: **24Apr2019 Claim Docket:** Mr. Chalik moved to approve the claim docket as presented; Mr. Franke seconded the motion; the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: **A. Review Division B Environmental Remediation Proposals:** Bids were opened at the public bid opening on April 17, 2019. Engineer's estimate for Division B Environmental Remediation is \$4-\$6 million; the bid amounts ranged from \$4.6 to \$5.7 million with the low bid by Bluff City Materials. Mr. Minich will attempt to push the amounts lower by selecting the most cost-effective alternates provided in the bids. Mr.

Minich will present the final proposals for award at the May RDC meeting, May 29, 2019. Mr. Chalik moved to accept the proposals for Engineer's review; Mr. Franke seconded the motion; the motion carried.

B. Mural Easement Agreement: Ms. Shrader presented the agreement which provides the City and the Commission an easement to place the mural, fundraised by the Visual Arts Council, on the wall of the building adjacent to Plaza 618. The agreement lays out certain repairs to the building owner's wall where the mural will be placed, plus maintenance responsibilities and rights to access the wall. Mr. Franke moved to approve the agreement as presented; Mr. Larson seconded the motion; the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ongoing Project Updates:

- 1. Clear Lake Blvd Parking Lot** – Mr. Smith explained that the surface will be finished Friday and he expects striping to be completed next week.
- 2. Survey and Design Contract in NPL** – Mr. Minich presented a proposal from Abonmarche for survey work to tie-in all of the public rights-of-way in preparation for land sales in NewPorte Landing and also for design of the trailhead and overlook in an amount not-to-exceed \$85,000.00, which is approximately 10% of the construction cost excluding the survey work. Mr. Chalik moved to accept the proposal pending legal review; Mr. Larson seconded the motion; the motion carried.
- 3. Additional appropriation** – Ms. Shrader advised the members that she will be working with the City Engineer and the Clerk-Treasurer to prepare an additional appropriation for May's meeting to accommodate the planned projects in TIFs 1 and 2.
- 4. Boyd Boulevard stormwater project** – Mr. Minich reported that he expects to open bids for the construction of the Boyd Boulevard stormwater project on Friday May, 17 in preparation to award the project at the May 29 regular meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Shrader reminded members of the meeting scheduled for April 30 at 12:15 pm to open bids for a public offering of land in NewPorte Landing.

Mr. Dollberg requested that the street signs at the signal at Pine Lake Ave and NewPorte Boulevard be lit. John Smith said he would investigate the possibility.

Ms. Shrader presented on behalf of the 2018 Redevelopment Commission members a proof of a bronze plaque to be ordered and installed at Plaza 618 in remembrance of Mr. Dollberg's late wife, Carol Lynn Dollberg.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Chalik moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Larson seconded the motion; the motion carried. Mr. Dollberg adjourned the meeting at 5:30 P.M.