

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING – TIF
SEPTEMBER 24, 2008
TIME: 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

CITY: Doug Fry, Darrell Poling, Lowell Rethlake, John Schmalenberg

First order of business was to approve the August 24, 2008 minutes.

Motion was made by Lowell and seconded by Darrell to approve the minutes as printed. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mention of Resignation of Jim Saler.

The following resignation letter of Jim Saler was submitted into the minutes.

Dear Jamie, Helen, Herb, Darrell, and Bill:

Thank you for the opportunity to work with the mayor, the engineering firm (HNTB), their lawyers/accountants, and the media to try to find a solution that is the best utilization of the TIF district tax dollars.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the community members who are large stakeholders of the TIF district and developers who were interested in using the TIF revenues to expand the tax base. I also enjoyed the debate process with the other TIF board members and tried to uphold the oath that was taken eight months ago to help make the best decision for the community. I want to thank WTRE, for live objective coverage of the meetings, and thank you to the City Clerk-Treasurer for getting our detailed minutes on the web site so the general public had the opportunity to be informed participants of the debates.

Serving on the TIF board was a challenging task and several times a frequent comment I remember from Mike Walker when he was our community's Economic Development Director came to mind: "Let's be tough on the issues and easy on the people." He probably learned that lesson during his management career that involved contentious merger transitions with Public Service Indiana/Cinergy/Duke Energy.

Even though I was in the minority, with Daryl Tressler when it came down to the final vote, I thought I would and could stay involved to serve the full term to which I was appointed. However, after participating in the last two meetings since Daryl's resignation, I have concluded that my continued involvement would be of no consequence, and would not be beneficial for those that are in favor of the approved project and its repayment source.

Therefore, I officially resign my appointment to the TIF board, effective immediately.

Very truly yours,

James R. (Jim) Saler

New Board Member

John Schmalenberg took the oath of office to the Renovation Commission (TIF) board.

He was sworn in by the Mayor, Mr. Gary Herbert. John introduced himself and gave a little background information to those in attendance.

One opening on the board remains, and Mayor Herbert stated that position would be filled in October.

Official minutes recorder was hired so all the board members could focus on the tasks at hand instead of writing minutes. Vietta McKenzie filled that position.

Financial

Doug Fry reported that cash on hand was at \$587,935.98. August interest is \$623.39

Approving the Claims

1. HNTB	(Lincoln Street)	\$26,332.20
2. HNTB	(Freeland Road)	\$572.70 (final bill)
3. H.J. Umbaugh		\$26,437.07
4. Barnes & Thornburg LLP		\$34,688.00
5. Matt Bailey		\$1443.75
6. Land Acquisitions		\$ 24,100

Mark Klosterkemper and Mayor Herbert have been working on negotiations with the Parcel owners and say the meetings have not been pretty. Mark suggested that 1 or more of the TIF board members attend some of these negotiations to see just what they are up against. The board didn't have a problem with that. Lowell Rethlake agreed to be one of those members.

A couple of comments were made by attendees that the project needs to be done and we need to stay on schedule.

Art Sheffer suggested since we are paying HNTB we should simply request them to tell us what to do at this point as far as the unsecured parcels are concerned.

Christina Colon also talked of some concerns with utilities. It seems they all want to be on the East side. HNTB will be working on these issues. Ultimately the utilities are footing their own bills on this project and some redesign may be a factor. This will more than likely cost more.

Dave Weigel has been appointed to sit on the board to represent the Greensburg School Corporation. He will not be a voting member. He was not present at this meeting.

The next regular monthly meeting will take place at City Hall on October 8th at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned. 8:15pm

PRESIDING OFFICER _____

Secretary _____

*denotes corrections