## MINUTES WHITLEY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION Tuesday, November 28, 2017

## WHITLEY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER 1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR-COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Argerbright

**Bill Overdeer** 

Frank Kessler

Jill Western

Michael Schrader

LEGAL COUNSEL Andy Boxberger

ABSENT George Schrumpf STAFF Jon Myers Nathan Bilger Jennifer Stephenson Jana Schinbeckler

## GUESTS

Alan Tio – Michael Kinder & Sons Steve Western

CALL TO ORDER: President Jim Argerbright called the meeting to order at 8:00am.

**IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES:** The minutes for the November 14, 2017 meeting were presented for review. Mr. Overdeer motioned the November 14, 2017 minutes be approved as presented; Mr. Schrader seconded the motion: Motion passed with Mr. Argerbright abstaining.

**RESTORATION MEDICAL POLYMERS:** Mr. Myers informed the Commission that he had worked with the Auditor's and Assessor's Office regarding Restoration Medical Polymers, who was questioning their abatement. Due to the rain in 2016, they were behind their timeline in terms of getting the building finished and the equipment moved in. It seems all of their questions are answered and they will not need to appear before the Commission.

**UMBAUGH REPORT:** The Umbaugh report was reviewed by the Commission. There were no concerns at this time.

**SDI SEWER PROJECT MANAGEMENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:** Mr. Myers reported that Lana Beregszazi was unable to attend today's meeting, but had previously submitted a Memorandum of Understanding for the SDI sewer project. This memorandum will get the preliminary work for the SDI sewer project started until the final agreement is in place. Lana has all the project documents ready to go and will be scheduling a kick-off meeting very soon. Ms. Beregszazi plans on attending the Redevelopment Commission meetings to provide updates to the members and is aware that this project needs to move quickly. There will be a more formal agreement once this project begins. Mr. Kessler motioned to approve the

Memorandum of Understanding with BCS Management; Mr. Schrader seconded; Motion passed with all in favor.

SDI LETTER OF INTENT: Mr. Myers updated the Commission on the SDI Letter of Intent. This is a non-binding LOI just specifying terms. The City will provide more specific numbers regarding sewer details. This LOI will possibly be ready to sign at the next Redevelopment Commission meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS: Mr. Tio updated the Commission that Michael Kinder & Sons is looking into future opportunities along the US 30 corridor.

Mr. Myers informed the Commission that he had spoken with Mr. Schrumpf in reference to the possible workforce training/probation facility. There is 1.5 acres of land available near Walmart that is being evaluated. Mr. Tio explained that the jail task force has met with an architecture who will be compliling information for this project.

Mr. Myers reported that the EDC recently held their Staff Planning Meeting which consists of reviewing this year. The County Income Tax is up 23% from last year. The county's median household income is almost double what it was nationwide. Also, Whitley County has moved up from 10<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> in the state for livability standards.

Mr. Myers reminded the Commission that American Landmaster is having their open house on Wednesday evening.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS: There were no claims for review.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29am.

Whitley County Redevelopment Commission

James Argerbright, Presiden

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Michael Schrader, Secretary