



Redevelopment Commission City of Crawfordsville, Indiana

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Crawfordsville, IN 47933

January 21, 2025 at 8:30 AM Meeting Minutes

The Crawfordsville Redevelopment Commission met in regular session on January 21, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. Members present were: Virginia Servies, Thomas Neal, Conrad Harvey, and ex-officio member Steve McLaughlin. Others in attendance were: Mayor Todd Barton; Brandy Allen, Director of Operations & Community Development; City Clerk-Treasurer Karyn Douglas; Cheryl Morphew, Economic Development Consultant; Kent Minnette, City Attorney of Taylor, Minnette, Schneider, and Clutter; and Kathryn Fisher, Executive Assistant, Planning & Building Services.

City Clerk-Treasurer, Karyn Douglas swore in each member present.

President Virginia Servies called the meeting to order and roll was called. It was noted that Dan Rogers would be on sabbatical for the foreseeable future.

Ms. Servies called for election of officers. Conrad Harvey moved to nominate Virginia Servies as President. Thomas Neal seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Thomas Neal moved to nominate Conrad Harvey as Vice President. Conrad Harvey seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Virginia Servies moved to nominate Thomas Neal as Secretary. Conrad Harvey seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting minutes from November 19, 2024 were presented to the Commission for consideration. Thomas Neal moved to approve the minutes as presented. Conrad Harvey seconded. Motion passed. 3-0.

The Commission received and considered a list of claims for consideration and approval. It was noted that 2024 had been closed out and the tax draw came in December. The Commission received and acknowledged the claims.

The Commission received and acknowledged receipt of the financial reports.

Under items of new business, the Commission began discussion of the 2025 Crawfordsville Commerce Park mowing and landscaping. Virginia Servies felt that separating the mowing and landscaping in 2024 was a good idea. However, the specifications of the landscaping need to be updated with greater detail. Brandy Allen noted that we had received a complaint of a bush that was obstructing the view of traffic during late summer. Thomas Neal recalled that after receiving the complaint, the contractor submitted an additional quote to do work that Mr. Neal felt was already included in the contract. Mr. Neal requested that Staff compile a report detailing the history of the mowing and landscaping, including any complaints received. Steve



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McLaughlin added that it may be worth removing and redoing the landscaping altogether.

Prior to Mayor Barton's general update, Virginia Servies acknowledged and congratulated Mayor Barton on receiving the Sagamore of the Wabash. Mayor Barton continued with his update. He informed the Commission that they are in the process of switching financial advisors to Reedy Financial. He stated that everything had been fine, but they really wanted to stay ahead and generate a more in depth focus. Mayor Barton made Commission members aware that this meeting will be livestreamed and archived on the City website beginning no later than July. He reported that things are going well with Arbor Homes and Hawkview, expecting them to begin pulling permits for model homes any time. Mayor Barton reported the Ben Hur project was still moving along and still expecting completion in March. He stated the Early Learning Center had set a tentative kickoff for March 6th. Mayor Barton addressed the Market Street rail project announcement. He clarified that with Federal funding for something like this, there are four phases and we were awarded the first two phases, which are the planning and project development phases. Mayor Barton reported that they would begin planning for Shortz Nature Park very soon. He stated construction for the high school lift station would be starting. Mayor Barton reported that the Shelley Drain project would start as soon as weather permits. He added that they are doing some drainage work on Hamilton Street along the rail near Dari-Licious and Morgan's glass, which was tied to Shelley Drain. Mayor Barton stated they are working jointly with Niches Land Trust who would be acquiring property along Sugar Creek on the north side and they are working on a plan. The property would likely become a nature park in the distant future.

Cheryl Morpew, Economic Development Consultant, came forward and provided an update. She reported four lead since January for things that we currently cannot accommodate here. Ms. Morpew reminded the Commission that the Workforce Alliance meeting would be this Thursday at the Crawfordsville Career Academy at 8:30 a.m. She stated the topics would be the Early Learning Center and Workforce Housing. Ms. Morpew stated the Youth Apprenticeship Planning Program is moving forward very quickly. She stated they would be holding information sessions with local employers who have expressed interest in wanting to get involved. Ms. Morpew stated they had received some requests to hold the First Time Supervisor Training again, so they may look at doing that. Lastly, Ms. Morpew stated the steering committee for the public transportation initiative had selected a firm and would have a call later today to go through their proposal and tweak it. They would then be pursuing funding for the needs assessment. Ms. Morpew stated they had a virtual meeting with Todd Jennings, Section 5311 Program Manager, rural transit funds through INDOT, who strongly encouraged them to get in this year's application for funding of a public transportation operating system.



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With no further business, it was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for February 18, 2025 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

Minutes Approved: 2.18.25

Virginia Davis
President

Paul B. [Signature]
Member

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