



Redevelopment Commission

City of Crawfordsville, Indiana

City Building

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Crawfordsville, IN 47933

April 1, 2025 at 8:30 AM Meeting Minutes

The Crawfordsville Redevelopment Commission met in special session on April 1, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. Members present were: Thomas Neal, Conrad Harvey, Jack Whitecotton, Virginia Servies, and Mike Brier. Others in attendance were: Mayor Todd Barton; Brandy Allen, Director of Operations & Community Development; City Clerk-Treasurer Karyn Douglas; Megan Huckstep, Director of Planning & Building Services; Tyler Nichols, City Attorney of Taylor, Minnette, Schneider, and Clutter; and Kathryn Fisher, Executive Assistant, Planning & Building Services.

President Virginia Servies called the meeting to order and roll was called.

Under items of new business, the Commission considered bids for Crawfordsville Commerce Park mowing and landscaping that had been received at the March 18, 2025 Redevelopment Commission meeting. President Virginia Servies called on Planning Director Megan Huckstep for staff comments. Ms. Huckstep referred to a chart she had put together to summarize the bids. She stated based on the chart, staff believed Sugar Creek Lawn & Hardscapes to be the most responsive bidder.

Ms. Servies asked whether complaints had been received. Ms. Huckstep reported complaints had been received in the past and she had provided pictures.

Kevin Kirsch, Crawfordsville Outdoor, came forward to provide comment. Mr. Kirsch stated he had been responsible for the Crawfordsville Commerce Park mowing and landscaping for several previous years. He believed his presence at the meeting demonstrated his commitment to the task. Mr. Kirsch stated his desire to continue the work and stated he had received compliments on the work he had done in the area.

The Commission engaged in discussion. Thomas Neal stated that there had been an issue with unsatisfactory performance for the last several years and felt that the contracts should be awarded to a different company. Conrad Harvey felt that the work could either be enforced more diligently or the Commission could pay more and hope the work was done satisfactorily. He stated that he tended to lean towards the low bid. Jack Whitecotton clarified whether the complaints were just for the landscaping. Ms. Huckstep confirmed the complaints were typically for the landscaping and not the mowing.

Conrad Harvey moved to accept the bid from Crawfordsville Outdoor in the amount of \$6,800 for the Crawfordsville Commerce Park mowing contract and the bid from Crawfordsville Outdoor in the amount of \$7,400 for the Crawfordsville Commerce Park

