

CITY OF AUSTIN, INDIANA REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of November 16, 2022

The Austin Redevelopment Commission met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, beginning at 8:16 AM.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

- a. Commissioners Buchanan, Alexander, and Goodin are present. Commissioner Mullins appears via Microsoft Teams. Quorum established. Commissioner White is not present. Attorney Joshua Stigdon and Mayor Hawkins are present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. September 28, 2022, regular meeting minutes approved as presented 4 to 0 on motion by Commissioner Goodin and second by Commissioner Alexander.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. Fund Report is reviewed and accepted as presented.
- b. Claims approved as presented, with exception to any invoices that are not pertinent to the ARC, 4 to 0 on motion by Commissioner Alexander and second by Commissioner Goodin.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Mayor Hawkins provides an update on the purchasing of the real estate identified as Parcel Numbers 72-03-36-420-015.000-003, 72-03-36-420-019.001-003, and 72-03-36-420-020.001-003 owned by David and Barbara Lucas in an amount above the average of two appraisals, not to exceed \$75,000. Mayor Hawkins advised that the owners are willing to sell at \$75,000 and that owners state that they have documents showing no encroachments or environmental concerns with

the property. Mayor Hawkins to get the documents seller has and to share with City Engineer for review and comment before moving forward with the purchase.

- b. President Buchanan advises that a purchase agreement has been executed between Tex Murphy and a developer on Main Street that is anticipated to be a Dollar Tree. The developer's plans would require the closure of 6th Street and the platted alleyway. Attorney Stigdon advises that a survey should be done to establish a legal description for the area to be vacated and that a petition to vacate would need to be filed with the City. Mayor Hawkins to have an 8-1-1 request submitted for the alleyway between Main Street and Cherry Street to figure out what utilities, if any, are in the alleyway.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Housing
 - i. Church Street historic property renovation is on hold for now due to high building costs.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Infrastructure investment for Audrey/Linden Subdivision
 - i. President Buchanan advises of recent discussions with developer on Audrey/Linden Subdivision. Developer is working on project with USDA to see if it would qualify.
- b. Selling of ARC Owned Lots
 - i. Attorney Stigdon provides update on valuations. Realtor to have valuations completed in 2-3 weeks.
- c. USDA Recommendations for Communities

- i. Nothing new to report.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 2022-R-3: Approval and Issuance of Request for Proposals/Qualifications for Bowles Circle Utility Infrastructure Project
 - i. Resolution is approved 4 to 0 on motion by Commissioner Alexander and second by Commissioner Goodin.
- b. RESOLUTION NO. 2022-R-4: A Resolution Declaring the Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures for the Austin Solar Project
 - i. Resolution is approved 4 to 0 on motion by Commissioner Alexander and second by Commissioner Mullins.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Mayor Hawkins addresses the Commission to see if any interest in contributing to the purchase of a new American Flag for the Rigel Gym. Mayor Hawkins advised that the school is discussing a flag lowering device. The Commission discusses and does not believe this request would fit its statutory mission for redevelopment.

9. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: December 28, 2022, at 8:00AM.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:58 AM.

APPROVED on December 28, 2022, by a vote of 3 to 0.

Austin Redevelopment Commission



Richard L. Buchanan, President



Kelly Goodin, Secretary