
CITY OF KALAMAZOO
BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Thursday, March 17, 2005 - 7:30 a.m. • Community Room, City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Bell; Pat DiGiovanni; Malcolm Earhart*; Mary Harper; Sean McCann**; Jim McIntyre; Bob Miller; Nancy Troff; Myra Willis

MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Einspahr; Jerry Meinzinger

CITY COMMISSIONERS/CITY STAFF PRESENT: Jerome Kisscorni (Acting Executive Director of the EDC); John Kneas (Assistant City Attorney); Chad Howell (Development Manager); Marc Hatton (Redevelopment Coordinator); Tonya Sloan (Administrative Secretary)

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Vice-Chair Bell

MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: Ms. Sloan reported that Ms. Einspahr and Mr. Meinzinger had indicated that they would be absent. **Mr. DiGiovanni moved to excuse those members; supported by Mr. McIntyre. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Harper moved approval of the agenda; supported by Mr. Miller. **Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2005: Ms. Willis moved approval of the minutes; supported by Ms. Troff. **Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.**

* Mr. Earhart joined the meeting at 7:33 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

2005 WORK PLAN: Mr. Kisscorni outlined the details of the work plan and indicated that this year's major projects will include the Davis Creek Business Park, the Riverfront Redevelopment project, redevelopment of the former Public Safety headquarters site, and redevelopment of the Performance Paper site. **Ms. Harper moved approval of the workplan; supported by Mr. Earhart. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.**

** Mr. McCann left the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

WORKSHOP: Mr. Kisscorni indicated that the Executive Committee has discussed holding a workshop strategy session in order to establish direction for the board. A half-day session with a facilitator is being proposed. Mr. Bell suggested that staff e-mail board members with suggested dates for the workshop and see which one works best. He also suggested that staff survey the board members regarding topics that they would like to discuss during the workshop.

COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEIPT OF INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: Mr. Bell indicated that the board members have received the Projects & Finance Committee report and the BRI and CMI summary charts.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Mr. DiGiovanni stated that the issue of eminent domain is before the courts at a federal level. This is a very important issue for us to follow. Ms. Harper noted that there is another case regarding the right of states and cities to provide tax breaks.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:16 a.m.

Tonya Sloan, Recording Secretary

Larry Bell, Vice-Chair