
CITY OF KALAMAZOO
BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Thursday, February 21, 2008 - 7:44 a.m. • Community Room, City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Einspahr; John MacKenzie; Jim McIntyre; Bob Miller; Stephanie Moore; Nancy Troff; Myra Willis

MEMBERS ABSENT: Fritz Brown; Malcolm Earhart; Mike Mair

CITY COMMISSIONERS/CITY STAFF PRESENT: Jerome Kisscorni (EDC Executive Director); John Kneas (Assistant City Attorney); Martha Aills (Special Projects Coordinator); Warren Cook (Business Growth Specialist); Marc Hatton (Redevelopment Project Manager); Eric Kemmer (Redevelopment Coordinator); Tonya Sloan (Administrative Secretary)

Meeting was called to order at 7:44 a.m. by Chair Miller

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 2007: Mr. McIntyre moved approval of the minutes; supported by Ms. Troff. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF A RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE BROWNFIELD PLAN DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE FABRI-KAL CORPORATION PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE BRA: Mr. Kisscorni stated that staff has been working with Fabri-Kal for about a year to address their expansion needs. The state and city incentive package available to them helped them decide upon the former Mead Building, which is already in the Brownfield Plan. It is anticipated that there will be approximately \$600,000 in eligible activities, which will be reimbursed to Fabri-Kal over 15 years. Gary Galia of Fabri-Kal stated that the company has been in Kalamazoo since 1950. They looked at several different scenarios when considering their options for expansion, including some abroad and some in other states, before deciding upon the Mead Building. They hope to have a ribbon-cutting in three to four months, and expect to increase their workforce over the next several years. Mr. McIntyre moved that the board approve the agreement and authorize the chair to sign it on behalf of the board; supported by Ms. Einspahr. Motion approved by roll call vote unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF A RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 315 PARSONS STREET AND 1015 NORTH PITCHER STREET FOR \$12,500: Mr. Kisscorni indicated that the BRA sold this property to Sprint in 2002 so that they could put a Point of

Presence on the property. That never materialized, so Sprint approached staff regarding repurchasing the property. We have negotiated a purchase price of \$12,500. Ms. Troff moved approval of the purchase; supported by Ms. Moore. Motion approved by roll call vote unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Mr. Miller indicated that this action is similar to that taken by the EDC. As the Executive Committee will be acting as the Nominating Committee for the EDC, he proposed that the same occur for the BRA. However, he asked staff to e-mail the absent board members to see if they would have an interest in serving on the committee.

COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRA 2008 BUDGET: Mr. Miller noted that a copy of the budget is in the packet, and it has been approved by the City Commission.

RECEIPT OF INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: Mr. Miller indicated that the board members have received the minutes of the Projects & Finance Committee.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Mr. Miller stated that the national brownfield conference will be held in Detroit in May. We will have a presentation there.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:07 a.m.

Tonya Sloan, Recording Secretary

Bob Miller, Chair