
CITY OF KALAMAZOO
BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Thursday, August 21, 2003 - 7:52 a.m. • 3rd Floor Conference Room, City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Bell; Pat DiGiovanni; Jim Marquardt; Sean McCann; Jerry Meinzinger; Rita Miller; Myra Willis

MEMBERS ABSENT: Malcolm Earhart; Susan Einspahr; Jim Greene; Mary Harper; Larry Lueth; Bob Miller

CITY COMMISSIONERS/CITY STAFF/CITIZENS PRESENT: Jerome Kisscorni (Assistant City Manager); Rick Goff (Economic Development Director); John Kneas (Assistant City Attorney); Randy Schau (Assistant City Attorney); Chad Howell (Development Manager); Antonio Mitchell (Business Assistance Specialist); Martha Aills (Special Projects Coordinator); Marc Hatton (Redevelopment Coordinator); Andrew Falkenberg (GIS Property Mapping Specialist); Tonya Sloan (Administrative Secretary)

Meeting was called to order at 7:52 a.m. by Chairperson Willis

MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: Ms. Sloan reported that Mr. Earhart, Ms. Einspahr, Mr. Greene, Ms. Harper, Mr. Lueth, and Mr. Miller had indicated that they would be absent. **Ms. Miller moved to excuse those members; supported by Mr. Marquardt. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.**

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2003: Mr. Marquardt moved approval of the minutes; supported by Mr. Bell. **Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR PERIOD ENDING JULY 31, 2003: Mr. Goff outlined the activity during the period. **Mr. DiGiovanni moved approval of the financial statements; supported by Mr. Marquardt. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.**

COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION: At 7:57 a.m., Mr. Bell moved that the meeting be adjourned to closed session to discuss a real estate matter; supported by Ms. Miller. **Motion approved by roll call vote unanimously.**

REOPENING OF PUBLIC MEETING: At 8:12 a.m., Mr. Marquardt moved that the board come out of closed session and reopen the public meeting of the board; supported by Mr. Meinzinger. **Motion approved by roll call vote unanimously.**

PROJECT UPDATES:

Former Bryant Paper Site: Mr. Howell indicated that the authority will own the Alcott Street frontage by late September and the rest of the property in a year. There is minimal soil contamination, but several buildings are severely contaminated with PCBs and asbestos. City staff has filed a complaint asking for full access to the site, and a hearing will be held in September. The city has taken steps to secure the entire site.

Former Lakeside Refinery Site (Davis Creek Business Park Concept): Mr. Howell stated that preliminary concept plans have been created, and design development work is now taking place. More demolition will be done this year. A pre-application for EDA grant funding for infrastructure expenses will be submitted. The goal is to have street and related infrastructure in place in 2004.

West Tech and MacKenzies' Projects: Mr. Howell reported that West Tech is currently renovating their building. The MacKenzies' expansion has been delayed due to an economic downturn in the business. Staff will continue to work with them.

Prospects and Miscellaneous Projects: Mr. Howell indicated that there are significant prospects for the riverfront area. One of the prospects has hired an architect. The Walbridge Street repairs are underway and must be completed by September 1. A contract has been awarded to repair the Arcadia Creek lid. The DDA has contributed extra funding for the repair of additional sidewalks. Shakespeare's Pub on the Speareflex site is now open. One Way Products won the 2002 National Metal Building of the Year award. The grocery store is scheduled to open in mid-November. The state is now considering that to be one of their most successful CCI grant projects.

RECEIPT OF INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: Ms. Willis indicated that the board members have received the BRI, CMI, and Renaissance Zone update charts in their packets.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:27 a.m.

Tonya Sloan, Recording Secretary

Myra Willis, Chairperson