

DRAFT PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2014

Planning Department Office
7:00PM

Chairman David Swirk called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were members Dan Slowick, Joseph Turek, and Alphonse Lasota. Also present was Nicole Parker, recording minutes.

I New Business

Minutes

March 5, 2014

Motion was made to approve by D.Slowick. Seconded by J.Turek. Motion passed (4:0)

Accounts Payable

There are no new updates thus far. Board is up to date on all bills payable. It was noted by Treasurer, J.Turek, that Amy Midwood of Country Bank informed him that in order to get a new FID #, new mandates require all members sign new form.

Peer to Peer

No updates thus far. It was discussed that the mutual thought was that Greenfield had enough personnel and knowledge to assist. Board will follow up.

Industrial Rail Access Program (IRAP) Grant

It was discussed that more infrastructure is needed on PRA property. Last years' round of land taking for the PRA was discussed, as well as the property that borders NECR property. The Board discussed having a conversation with Prime Distribution Services.

There was discussion of a review contracted by Fletcher & Sippell, LLC. D.Slowick stated that he called Myles Tobin of Fletcher & Sippell, LLC. D.Swirk stated that he will be abstaining from any votes and conversation due to conflict of interest, due to the fact that his company works for them. It was noted that the current contract between the PRA and the NECR goes to 2022. This contract would be to see if there would be a justifiable reason to renegotiate. J.Turek inquired as to whether the railroad can change the content of the contract. D.Swirk replied yes, they have that authority.

Motion to engage Fletcher & Sippell to provide an executive summary on NECR lease made by D.Slowick. Seconded by J.Turek. Motion passed (3:0:1) Swirk

Transportation Center

D.Slowick stated that he had a conversation with Robert Haveles, who designed the Holbrook site 5 years ago. There was discussion as to the need to ask Mr. Haveles to create a concept based on amending previous plans. It was decided it wasn't necessary due to the fact that the concept has already been done. It was also noted that Mr. Haveles should not be hired without an RFP. D.Slowick questioned whether the Town Council should be addressed regarding the RFP. D.Slowick stated that it would be a good idea to ask TM Charlie Blanchard what would be considered appropriate. D.Slowick stated that he would contact Charlie and Community Development Director Alice Davey about it.

Motion to table architectural work for proposed transportation center made by D.Slowick. Seconded by A.Lasota. Motion passed (4:0)

Blake Lamothe

Motion was made to spend \$100.00 on a plaque for Mr. Lamothe's dedication and years of service, and to ask him if he would be interested chairing a sub-committee to act as liaison between passenger rail initiative and PRA by D.Slowick. Seconded by A.Lasota. Motion passed (4:0)

Satellite Classes

A.Lasota inquired as to whether there was opportunity to capitalize on our local college proximity. He believes it would be beneficial in attracting higher education to our area. Ideas for a central location, nighttime and daytime classes are some of his ideas.

A.Lasota also spoke of the PRA getting a state seal and business cards. It was noted that a seal would hold more value on a business card. He will investigate using a state logo and issue cards to all members.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for May 12, 2014 at 7PM.

II Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:30PM was made by D.Slowick. Seconded by A.Lasota. Motion passed (4:0)