

DRAFT PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Meeting Minutes of March 5, 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

February 12, 2014

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

February 27, 2014

Motion was made to approve as written by D.Slowick. Seconded by D.Swirk. Motion passed (4:0)

PRA Audit

Spoke with Steve Chiacchia. He did not perform an audit, he just checked all accounts. He will be sending the bill for the period of July 1, 2013- June 30, 2014. He also gave J.Turek the receipt from the bank for account closure. (Monson Savings Account)

Accounts Payable

Morrison & Mahoney. Invoice #s 808486, 810321, 812743, 814383, 819189. Totaling \$3,382.98

Larry Schaefer. Invoice # (NO INVOICE GIVEN) Letter sent January 29, 2014 to PRA. Totaling \$803.58

Stephen Chiacchia. Invoice # 4110 Totaling \$1,100.00

There was a motion to pay all outstanding invoices by D.Slowick. Seconded by A.Lasota. Motion passed (4:0)

Peer to Peer

It was discussed that Jeff Daley, the previously approved peer to peer consultant, will be leaving his post in Westfield, and going into the private sector. He will no longer be available as a

consultant. MassDevelopment will be reaching out to Greenfield to try to find another consultant.

New England Central Railroad (NECR) - Lease

There was discussion that the current lease with the NECR should be reviewed by an attorney experienced in railroad lease. The Board suggested a possibility of negotiating a more agreeable contract. It was stated the possibility of an incremental scale.

There was a motion to locate a reputable and experienced legal counsel to review documents made by D.Swirk. Seconded by D.Slowick. Motion passed (4:0)

Kathleen Anderson

Met at (Holyoke Community College) HCC. She would be willing to talk approximately the second week of March. It was stated that she has insight on how to retain funds. She is runs the Chamber of Commerce in Holyoke.

Amherst Railway

D.Slowick stated that there was an exhibit in Auburn. It was well attended at 600 plus attendees. The President of the Amherst Railway Society was looking at Holbrook site and near the Big E in Chicopee. They need up to 100 X 100 foot space. D.Swirk believed they are satisfied with where they are at.

8:15PM. J.Turek left meeting

Approve By-Laws

There was a motion to approve PRA By-Laws as amended made by D.Slowick. Seconded by A.Lasota. Motion passed (3:0)

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2014

II Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by D.Slowick. Seconded by A.Lasota. Motion passed (3:0)