

PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, September 8, 2015

Planning Department Office
7:00PM

I Call to Order

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

II New Business

Three Rivers Project

Present was Alice Davey, Community Development Director, Sheila Cuddy, of Quabog Valley Community Development Corporation, and her assistant, Alex.

Ms. Cuddy came to gather information to determine the qualifications of the members to work on the project. She stated that she is looking for any resume any of the members may have. J.McCoy inquired as to what the requirements of being qualified are? Ms. Cuddy stated that there is overseeing of financial resources and development stages.

Ms. Cuddy asked if there were any paid positions on the PRA, which was answered with a no. She also asked about terms, and if they were staggered. They are staggered, and she asked for terms, in which N.Parker was asked to gather and provide to Ms. Cuddy.

She stated that the PRA would play a marketing role, and have input on who would eventually purchase the parcel. She stated that the feasibility report should be completed by September 30, 2015.

A.Davey distributed a handout to the members outlining the roles and responsibilities of the PRA. It described its purpose, goals, and what qualifies as blight and decadent or substandard, and that there is certain criteria regarding the repair necessities. She stated that she would like to see the PRA read it over and she will come back to the next meeting and explain in greater detail.

Minutes

August 5, 2015

Motion was made to approve minutes as amended by D.Slowick. Seconded by J.McCoy. Motion passed (4:0)

Treasurer Report

J.Turek stated that he went to each bank and is waiting for a statement from Country Bank. North Brookfield Savings Bank has submitted theirs. When he receives all of the required documents he will give to D.Slowick to forward to accountant.

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

Incubator Project

A.Lasota stated that unfortunately, there hasn't been much interest in the Palmer aspect of the project.

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

Three Rivers Project Conservation with QVCDC and A. Davey

The Board was considering possibly just assist in marketing and not own. A.Lasota stated that he does not think the PRA is in the market to just spend all of their money. J.McCoy stated that she is available to be the liaison between the two groups if the PRA chooses to work with them.

Motion was made to acknowledge receipt of the Three Rivers Project report as it stands by D.Slowick. Seconded by J.Turek. Motion passed (4:0)

New Member Vacancies

David Whitney was present and stated he has interest in joining the PRA. He stated that he would observe for the time being and put in a formal application if he decided he is ready to join.

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

Three Rivers Liaison

Board stated that they have not heard from Renee yet.

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

New Meeting Night

Regular meeting night was changed from the first Wednesday of the month to the first Tuesday of the month to suit member's ongoing commitments. Next meeting was tentatively scheduled for October 6.

Motion was made to change nights by D.Slowick. Seconded by A.Lasota. Motion passed (4:0)

Dog Park

There was discussion on whether or not the PRA can be a proponent of the dog park. It was stated that Chase Memorial Parke is available for this type of project. It was also discussed that the PRA doesn't own the land and cannot make those decisions. It was suggested that anyone interested in assisting in the creation of a dog park contact the Conservation Commission.

Source- to- sea clean-up on PRA property at third St.

There are ongoing efforts by the Chicopee water shed committee to clean up our riverbeds and shores. The Conservation Commission wanted to have the PRA allow them to clean up portions of the river that abut PRA property.

Motion was made to endorse the source to sea cleanup of the PRA owned property on Third Street by D.Slowick. Seconded by J.Turek. Motion passed (4:0)

*** 8:48PM J.McCoy left meeting***

III Adjournment

Next meeting was tentatively set for October 7.

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