

SMITHFIELD CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

AUGUST 13, 2014

The Smithfield City Redevelopment Agency met for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting at 96 South Main, Smithfield, Utah on Wednesday, August 13, 2014. Chairman Darrell Simmons was in the chair.

The following board members were in attendance: Dennis Watkins, Barbara Kent, Kris Monson, Jeff Barnes and Brent Butters.

Executive Director James Gass and Secretary Justin Lewis were also in attendance.

The meeting started at 7:58 P.M.

APPROVAL OF THE RDA MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 9, 2014

Kris stated she would abstain from the motion to approve the meeting minutes since she was not in attendance at the meeting.

A motion to approve the July 9, 2014 RDA meeting minutes was made by Jeff, seconded by Barbara and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Watkins, Kent, Barnes, Butters

No Vote: None

Abstain: Monson

BOARD REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON MINOR ITEMS WITH DECISIONS AS NECESSARY

Dennis commented that some community members had stated during previous meetings the Cache County School District had issues with the use of RDA funds on the library renovation and expansion project. Dennis explained in light of this concern he had gone to members of the Logan City Council and asked how they handle RDA funds and approve projects.

Logan City has a board of review that includes a member of the Cache County Council as well as a member of the Logan City School District plus a couple of others. The board reviews each project and then makes a recommendation to the RDA board.

Recently an RDA project was completed by the Chuck-A-Rama in Logan. RDA funds paid for the landscaping project as the project was an improvement project for the city. The school board and city both approved of and supported the project.

Dennis suggested inviting a member of the Cache County School District to be involved in future large Smithfield RDA projects to get their input, concerns and support.

Dennis expressed concern for the number of vacant buildings in the Apple Creek development owned by Lode King at the south end of town. Dennis asked the board if it would be appropriate

to consider giving an incentive for new renters to occupy those open spaces? Right now there is not a lot of commercial activity going on in the city.

Chairman Simmons informed the board he and Jim would be meeting with a potential buyer for the Cantwell Lumber property on Friday morning and it could be a big project in the city.

Dennis asked the board to think about possibly helping with a small amount of rent for a short period of time for new renters in that area but it would set a precedent for the future. The drawback to the idea is the city would see a gain through sales tax revenue but the RDA would not really see an increase. Brent suggested having a defined set of rules before offering the incentive to a potential renter.

Brent asked if the RDA would be replacing any sidewalks in the next year? Dennis mentioned there is the potential to clean up the area south of the flower shop on 100 North Main as previously discussed.

Barbara asked if RDA funds could be used to help with the memorial park? Dennis responded it could be considered but there is a good chance there could be negative backlash like from when funds were used for the library project.

Jim stated he had gone out of town last week for a couple of days and stopped at the detention pond at the north end of town as he was leaving. Jim walked around the area and commented how beautiful and green the area is and how attractive the area is for people entering the city from the north. Mayor Simmons stated having new entrance signs on both ends of town would be a nice touch as well.

Mayor Simmons asked if Jim had an update on the memorial project? Jim informed the board the graduate student who will be helping with the project is just finishing up an internship in Salt Lake City and then he will be back in the valley and can help the city combine the ideas into one plan.

A motion to adjourn at 8:10 P.M. was made by Barbara.

**SMITHFIELD CITY CENTRAL BUSINESS
DISTRICT REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

Darrell G. Simmons, Chairman

ATTEST:

Justin B. Lewis, Secretary

**SMITHFIELD CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
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AGENDA**

Public Notice is given that the Smithfield City Redevelopment Agency will meet in a regularly scheduled meeting at 96 South Main, Smithfield, Utah on Wednesday, **August 13, 2014**. The meeting will begin no sooner than 6:45 P.M.

1. Approval of the RDA meeting minutes from July 9, 2014.
2. Board review and discussion on minor items with decisions as necessary.

Adjournment

Items on the agenda may be considered earlier than shown on the agenda.

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