



Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA)

Wednesday, May 14, 2008
Regular Meeting

Item B1

Meeting Minutes

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING OF
MARCH 12, 2008

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the Community Redevelopment Authority of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska was conducted on March 12, 2008 at City Hall 100 E First Street. Notice of the meeting was given in the March 5, 2008 Grand Island Independent.

1. CALL TO ORDER Chair Barry Sandstrom called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. The following members were present: Barry Sandstrom, Tom Gdowski, Sue Pirnie, and Glen Murray. Also present were; Director, Chad Nability; Secretary Rose Woods; CRA Attorney; Duane Burns, Council Liaison; Peg Gilbert; Finance Director, Dave Springer; Grand Island Independent Reporter, Tracy Overstreet; Cicada Dwellings presenters, Todd Brown; Cody Brown. Also two members of the Grand Island Women's Club and one Second Street property owner were in attendance. Barry Sandstrom stated this was a public meeting subject to the open meeting laws of the State of Nebraska. He noted that the requirements for an open meeting were posted on the wall easily accessible to anyone who would like to read through them.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. A motion for approval of the Minutes for the February 13, 2008 CRA Meeting was made by Murray, and seconded by Pirnie. Upon roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.
3. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS. Dave Springer, reviewed the financial reports for the period of February 1, 2008 through February 29, 2008. He noted revenue in the amount of \$18,875 and expenses in the amount of \$109,662 for the month. Total cash was \$935,864. Motion by Gdowski, second by Murry, to approve the financial reports. Upon roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously. Also Springer reminded the CRA council that its budget time again.

4. APPROVAL OF BILLS. The bills were reviewed by the Authority. Motion by Pirnie, second by Gdowski, to approve the bills in the amount of \$71,731.65. Upon roll call vote all present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$71,731.65.

5. CONSIDERATION OF APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF CONDUIT FOR LANDSCAPING SPRINKLERS AND LIGHTING ON SEDOND STREET BETWEEN EDDY AND GARFIELD.

Nabity explained that Scott Griepenstroh with the Nebraska Department of Roads has approved the addition of installation of 2 and 3 inch PVC conduit for irrigation lines and controls and pedestrian lighting along with the Highway 30 widening project if the CRA is willing to pay for the conduit and installation. It is estimated that approximately 6968 feet of 2" pipe would be needed and \$3484 feet of 3" pipe. The 2" pipe would cost \$4 per foot and 3" pipe would cost \$5 per foot. The total cost of the project based on the estimated length is \$45,292. This cost is substantially less than the cost to install the pipe after construction. The entire area has been declared blighted and substandard. This type of infrastructure project is consistent with the generalized redevelopment plans for the areas and a legitimate expenditure for the CRA. A MOTION is in order. Sandstrom had questions regarding the BID 6 if it was in the blighted area? Nabity confirmed it is a blighted area and the BID 6 could be made smaller when the Mayor appoints board members, and the area is reassessed. It will be easier to create a smaller BID than to enlarge the BID 6 area at a later time. Gdowski recommended more money be allotted for this BID 6. He recommended \$55,000 and if they would need more they would have to resubmit a new request to the CRA. Murry asked about a time frame for the BID 6 project? Nabity explained possibly July, this will be an aggressive project schedule and it could be early fall. The NDOR is giving property owners 3 options for the area between the sidewalk and street: seed, sod or paving brick. The creation of the district would involve a 30 day protest period before council could approve the assessment district. The cost of the assessments will be based on the plans for the district. A MOTION is in order. Motion by Gdowski, second by Pirnie, to approve the appropriating of funds at \$55,000, also if more funds would be needed for the BID 6 project, it would need to be brought up again in front of the CRA members for consideration.

Upon roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

6. PRESENTATION BY TODD BROWN WITH CICADA DWELLINGS LLC REGARDING 3 D MODELING FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Technology is changing how everyone does business. Todd Brown presented some possibilities for using Sketchup software to create 3-D landscapes and building facades and discussed the possibilities of using these techniques in evaluating redevelopment projects. Mr. Brown has done similar work with the Hastings CRA. Nability mentioned that other people in Grand Island also have the ability to perform this kind of work.

7. REVIEW OF COMMITTED PROJECTS AND CRA PROPERTIES.

Nability reported briefly. Total committed projects total \$573,032. Discussion was held on the status of projects. Housing Study is moving forward. Hall County has entered into an agreement to have their building demolished. This could take two to four weeks. Romsa Real Estate Center is still waiting to hear back about permits. The Harmony Bldg is now paid off, this project is now complete. The house at 211 E 1st is ready for demolition. The Grand Island Fire Department will use it for training purposes before burning it down. The demolition contractor is currently waiting for the gas company to cap off the gas line. Good Will Façade still moving forward. Wayside Horns was approved by City Council, Tuesday night, March 11, 2008. The BID 6 project will be added in place for the Harmony Bldg., for \$55,000.

8. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS. No session to discuss negotiations.

9. APPROVE RESOLUTION OR RESOLUTIONS TO PURCHASE/SELL PROPERTY No action needed.

10. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Nability reported that Mike Galvin was awarded the bid to tear down the building they are just waiting for the gas company to cap the line. Also Ray O'Connor expressed an interest in the Star Motel property.

11. ADJOURNMENT. Chairman Sandstrom adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Chad Nabity
Director