



# Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA)

**Wednesday, February 12, 2014  
Regular Meeting**

## **Item B1**

### **Meeting Minutes**

Staff Contact: Chad Nabity

## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

### MINUTES OF COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING OF January 15, 2014

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 January 15, 2014 at City Hall 100 E First Street. Notice of the meeting was given in the January 8, 2014 Grand Island Independent.

1. CALL TO ORDER. Chairman Sandstrom called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The following members were present: Glen Murray, Tom Gdowski, and Sue Pirnie. Also present were; Director, Chad Nabity; Secretary, Rose Rhoads; Legal Counsel, Duane Burns; Finance Director, Jaye Monter and Senior Accountant, William Clingman, Council Liaison, Vaughn Minton; Mayor, Jay Vavricek, Terry Galloway, Amos Anson, Charles Anson, Brent Linder, Tonya Carey, Tami Brunk and Kurt Packer.

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 Minutes for the December 18, 2013 meeting was made by Gdowski and seconded by Pirnie. Upon roll call vote all present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.
3. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS. Monter reviewed the financial reports for the period of December 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. Motion was made by Murray and seconded by Pirnie to approve the financial reports. Upon roll call vote all present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.
4. APPROVAL OF BILLS. The bills were reviewed by Sandstrom. Motion made by Gdowski and seconded by Pirnie to approve the bills in the amount of \$2013.39. Upon roll call vote all present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously to approve the payment of bills totaling \$2013.39.
5. REVIEW OF COMMITTED PROJECTS & CRA PROPERTY. Nabity reviewed the Committed Projects.
6. AUDIT REVIEW.

Terry Galloway presented the CRA Audit. A motion was made by Gdowski to approve the audit as presented and submitted and seconded Murray. Upon roll call vote all present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

7. MAYOR REQUEST BLIGHT & SUBSTANDARD STUDY. Grand Island Mayor Jay Vavricek requested the study as a way to potentially assist redevelopment at the home. The mayor told CRA members the blighted and substandard designation could help “bolster the alternative vets’ home proposal” that local veterans have submitted to officials in Washington. A motion was made by Gdowski and seconded by Pirnie to authorize a request for proposals to be drafted to hire a consultant to conduct a blighted and substandard study on the Grand Island Veterans Home land. Upon roll call vote all present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.
8. GRANT REQUEST. Downtown Grand Island board members, Amos Anson and Tami Brunk asked the CRA for a grant of \$50,000. A motion was made by Murray and seconded by Pirnie to approve the grant contingent on final design plans being submitted to the CRA. Upon roll call vote Murray, Pirnie and Sandstrom voted aye. Gdowski abstained. Motion carried.
9. GRANT REQUEST. Amos Anson requested a grant for Tower 217 (formally known as the Masonic Temple) in the amount of \$291,581. This will be paid out over three fiscal years. A motion was made by Murray to approve the Tower 217 grant request in the amount of \$291,581 subject to approval by the Grand Island Building and Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Gdowski. Upon roll call vote all present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.
10. DISCUSSION. Window Façade. This was postponed until the February meeting.
11. ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Gdowski made the motion to retain the current slate of officers. Sandstrom as chair and Murray as vice-chair. Pirnie seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote all present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.
12. DISCUSSION CONCERNING PURCHASE/SALE OF REAL ESTATE.  
None
13. APPROVE RESOLUTION OR RESOLUTIONS TO PURCHASE/SELL REAL ESTATE. None
14. DIRECTOR’S REPORT. Naby reported there will be two upcoming TIF projects.

15. ADJOURNMENT. Sandstrom adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Chad Nabity  
Director