

JASPER REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting – February 2, 2021

The Jasper Redevelopment Commission met on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 via zoom. Notice was given in compliance with Indiana's Open Meeting Law.

CALL TO ORDER

President Andy Seger called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

President Andrew Seger	present
Vice President John Schroeder	present
Secretary John Kahle	present
Member Phil Mundy	present
Member Laura Grammer	absent
Non-voting advisor Tim DeMotte	present
Renee Kabrick - Commission's Attorney	present
Kathy Pfister - Recording Secretary	present

Also present were Director of Community Development & Planning Darla Blazey, Mayor Dean Vonderheide and Clerk-Treasurer Allen Seifert.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John Kahle made a motion to approve the Commission's minutes as amended from the January 5, 2021 meeting. John Schroeder seconded it. Motion carried 4-0. The amendment is a re-vote for the slate of officers. Tim DeMotte is a non-voting member. John Schroeder made a motion to affirm the re-election of officers for 2021, Andy Seger, as President, John Schroeder, as Vice President, John Kahle, as Secretary. Phil Mundy seconded it. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION RDC2021-1 FOR TRANSFER OF LAND OF JASPER LIBRARY

City Attorney Renee Kabrick presented a resolution to be considered for approval that would allow the City to transfer the Jasper Library property to the Redevelopment Commission. Kabrick explained that transferring ownership would allow for more control in choosing a development that fits the City's vision for the area.

Discussion included the possibility of extending the central area tax increment finance (TIF) district to include the former library property and surrounding area. The extension would allow the City to capture the incremental property tax increases if the property becomes a commercial development.

Andy Seger made a motion to approve the resolution RDC2021-1, seconded by Phil Mundy. Motion carried 4-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick also requested permission to move forward with appraisals for the former library property and begin the process of development proposals. The City is aiming for multiple firms to present ideas, which, in turn would allow for the most suitable development for the area.

Andy Seger made a motion to move forward with the appraisals for the library property. John Schroeder seconded it. Motion carried 4-0.

UPDATE ON UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS DEVELOPMENT

City Attorney Renee Kabrick shared with the commission that the City is considering establishing a tax increment finance (TIF) district for the proposed housing and mixed-use development of University Heights. Private developer Ruger Kerstiens informed Ms. Kabrick that although he intends to begin construction in 2022, he would prefer the TIF be established before moving forward. Ms. Kabrick said she would be seeking recommendations for that area and the creation of a new TIF district by the March or April meeting.

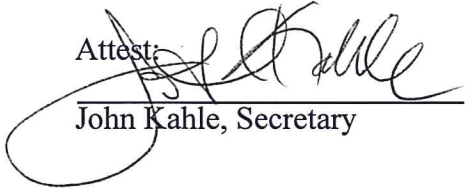
ADJOURNMENT

Following a short discussion, a motion was made by John Kahle and seconded by Phil Mundy to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0, and the meeting adjourned at 8:42 a.m.



Andy Seger, President

Attest:



John Kahle, Secretary