

BOARD MINUTES
Monday, September 21, 2020 5:30 p.m.

The FHRA Board met in public session at 9001 E. 59th Street, Lawrence Government Center Public Assembly Room, Lawrence, IN at 5:30 p.m. Meeting called to order by Mr. Walker. A quorum was met.

Members present in person: Kyle Walker, Jeff Vest, Russell Brown, Karen Horth-Powers
Staff Present: Aletha Dunston, Heather Millikan, April Pyatt

Update from the Secretary Treasurer:

Mr. Vest asked Mr. Brown to give an update since the board is in a transitional period. Mr. Brown stated the final version of the 2019 audit should be received this week and he was able to review the draft copy.

New Business:

Approval of Minutes:

First item of new business was approval of meeting minutes from the August 17, 2020. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes with one typographical error that was discussed. Mr. Vest seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the board.

Update from Executive Director:

Ms. Dunston stated that in Phase 3 of the David Weekley Homes neighborhood, 24 of the 60 lots have been sold and are being developed. This phase is ahead of schedule. The Cityscape 261-unit apartment development called The Standard is well underway and the building currently going up will house a leasing office. Parcel B is the location where the Hilton Tru Hotel will be located. There will be a modification hearing regarding the parking lot for the new hotel. The FHRA has been supportive of the modification. The hotel anticipates breaking ground this fall. The PX loop road at Lawton Loop East has been completed. The project will not be closed out until fall so landscaping can be installed. The communications building which sat behind Lawton Loop East was relocated behind the historic theater and Sterrett Center and will be used by the Arts for Lawrence Cultural Campus as a visual arts center and gallery space.

Mr. Walker stated he wanted to mention to those who may or may not have been present at last month's meeting, as it relates to the library the board has had good conversations with the library and have received a draft MOU for property on 56th Street that staff and the board is working thru and hopeful to have something to present at the next meeting.

News at the Fort:

Ms. Dunston gave an update and dates of community activities at Fort Ben.

- City of Lawrence Virtual Job Fair 2020 – September 23rd at 5:00 on Facebook Live
- Vietnam War Display – September 26th from 10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Museum of 20th Century Warfare at the State Park
- Lagers in Lawrence Oktoberfest – September 26th from 3:00 – 7:00 at Civic Plaza
- Chamber Membership Luncheon – October 1st from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Garrison Conference Center
- GLC Cruise In – Held on Wednesdays from 5:00-8:00pm – 8700 Block of East Otis Ave/Lawton Loop
- Fort Ben Farmers Market –4pm-7pm – Thursday June 4 - October 1 at Civic Plaza (9230 Memorial Park Drive)
- Unless an exception is made, all board meetings will be held the 3rd Mondays at 5:30pm in the Public Assembly Room of the Lawrence Government Center at 9001 E. 59th Street.
- Please follow @FortBenIN on Facebook and @FortBen_IN on Twitter – and invite your friends!

Mr. Walker stated that Mayor Collier was present and asked if he wanted to make any comments. Mayor Collier stated he was happy to hear that Ms. Dunston has talked to the library and there is a MOU. He asked Ms. Dunston about a substantial completion date and Ms. Dunston stated the date was by the end of 2022 with a possible opening in 2023.

Mr. Yates asked questions related to the Profit and Loss report. He asked if Ms. Millikan could send him the Outside Services account details.

Mr. Hugon asked about the status of the Call for Offers on the PX building. Ms. Dunston stated it was discussed in last month's executive meeting. There are new board members that needed to be onboarded. Also parcel J-east land property has been a hot topic to discuss. She stated the Call for Offers is still a priority and will be addressed soon.

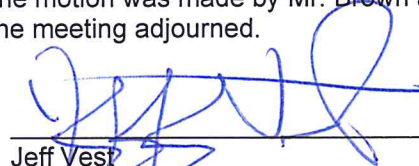
The next public meeting will be at the Lawrence Government Center Public Assembly Room on October 19, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Masks are required.

Adjournment:

Mr. Walker asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. Horth-Powers. The motion was unanimous and the meeting adjourned.



Kyle Walker
President



Jeff Vest
Secretary/Treasurer