

## **BOARD MINUTES**

### **Monday, June 15, 2020**

The FHRA Board met in public session at 9001 E. 59<sup>th</sup> Street, Lawrence Government Center Public Assembly Room, Lawrence, IN at 5:30 p.m. Meeting called to order by Jeff Congdon. Quorum was met.

**Members Present in Person:** Jeff Congdon, Karen Horth Powers, Russell Brown, Matt Hall  
**Staff Present:** Aletha Dunston, Heather Millikan, April Pyatt

Mr. Congdon called the meeting to order and stated there was a quorum.

#### **Update from the Secretary Treasurer:**

Mr. Brown stated the monthly financials were available in the back of the room that are current thru the end of May. He stated the 2019 FHRA audit was currently underway.

#### **New Business:**

##### **Update from Executive Director:**

Ms. Dunston welcomed everyone back after not meeting in person for four months. There is a lot of new activity and construction around the Fort. The new 261-unit Cityscape apartments named The Standard are underway on Otis Avenue on Parcel J north. The hotel on Parcel B is set to break ground sometime this summer and are currently going thru an architectural review currently. The cultural campus has also broken ground which will involve the FHRA donating the former Communications building which will get relocated behind the Sterrett Center and used as part of the Arts for Lawrence cultural campus. David Weekley Homes phase three is underway and twenty-two out of the sixty lots have sold. The PX access road project is underway on Lawton Loop around the former PX building and hope to [put out a call for offers in the next month to see who might be interested in reusing the building.

Mr. Brown stated as a new owner of a David Weekley Home he is happy to be able to walk to the meeting and he and his neighbors are happy to see more houses going up.

A resident asked about the zoning on the PX building. Ms. Dunston stated she would need to verify but it is under the DNR restrictions on what can be done to the building, but it is part of the FHRA implementation strategy. Ms. Dunston stated the FHRA can get back to him. Mr. Congdon stated that it could be used as residential or commercial.

The resident asked where Parcel B is located, and Ms. Dunston stated near the Jockamo office suites building. He also asked if the library is still happening. Ms. Dunston stated it is still in the works. It will be its own building between Otis and 56<sup>th</sup> and Lee and Lawrence Village Parkway.

Mr. Yates asked if the library moved from Parcel J. Ms. Dunston stated that it has moved to another part of Parcel J because it will allow the FHRA to reconfigure the layout of the parcel. He asked about the parking garage. Ms. Dunston stated for now the parking garage is on hold to see now who will need to be parked. Mr. Yates asked where the hotel guests would park. Ms. Dunston stated there will be on street parking as well as shared parking with the office suites building that was already approved in a shared parking agreement.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

First item of new business was approval of meeting minutes from February 10, 2020. Ms. Horth Powers made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Brown seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

The next item of new business was approval of the Browning Investments contract for 2020 and 2021. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the contract and Mr. Hall seconded and the contract was unanimously approved.

**News at the Fort:**

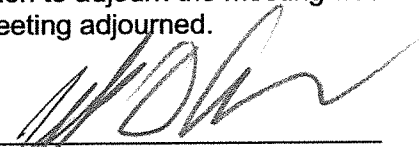
Ms. Dunston gave an update and dates of community activities at Fort Ben.

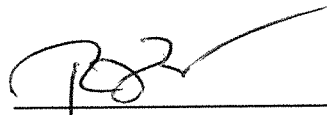
- Mira Awards – Being held virtually June 18th 8-9:45pm – <https://markeys.onl/mira/>
- Chamber After Hours – June 25 – 4:30-6:30pm Porter Books & Bread – Register with the Greater Lawrence Chamber
- Father's Day Brunch on Sunday at The Garrison
- Fort Ben Farmers Market – 4pm-7pm – Thursday June 4 - October 1 at Civic Plaza (9230 Memorial Park Drive). Masks are required and there are other restrictions.
- 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.
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The next public meeting will be at the Lawrence Government Center Public Assembly Room on July 20, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. Horth Powers and the meeting adjourned.

  
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Jeffrey Congdon, President

  
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Russell Brown, Secretary/Treasurer