

## **RDA Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 25, 2021**

Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership, 200 East Main Street, Suite 910, Fort Wayne, IN 46802 and via video conference technology where all participants could hear each other.

**In Attendance: Gene Donaghy, James Khan, Bob Marshall\***

**Staff in Attendance: Andy Boxberger, Michael Galbraith, Ryan Twiss, Erin Whittle**

### **Call to order**

Gene Donaghy called the meeting to order at **2:06pm**.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Gene Donaghy asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting. **Bob Marshall moved to approve the minutes, James Khan seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.**

### **Election of Officers**

Gene Donaghy asked for a nomination for president of the RDA board to serve a one year term. **Bob Marshall moved to nominate Jeff Turner, James Khan seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.**

Gene Donaghy asked for a nomination for vice president of the RDA board to serve a one year term. **James Khan moved to nominate Andrew Briggs, Bob Marshall seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.**

Gene Donaghy asked for a nomination for secretary of the RDA board to serve a one year term. **James Khan moved to nominate Gene Donaghy, James Khan seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.**

### **Financials**

Erin Whittle presented the financials. **Bob Marshall made the motion to accept the financials, James Khan seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.**

### **Claims**

Two claims were presented including a reimbursement to the Regional Partnership for reimbursement of expenses related to the READI plan creation and one to Carson LLP for legal services. **James Khan made a motion to approve the claims, Bob Marshall seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.**

### **Projects-Pending**

Michael Galbraith provided an overview of the Road to One Million Projects. There were no disbursement requests.

- Great Lakes Capital – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- University of Saint Francis – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Trine University – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Embassy Theatre – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- DeKalb County YMCA – Complete and funding fully disbursed
- Little River Trail – Complete and funding fully disbursed.

- Manchester Early Learning Center – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- North Buffalo Street Redevelopment Project – Under construction and has partial funding disbursement. **Members of the RDA board and staff met recently with the developer and representatives from the City of Warsaw. Those in attendance recommend an amendment to the subrecipient agreement to support the mixed use development and align milestone-based funding release points to the City of Warsaw’s agreement with the developer with a target completion date of no later than 12/31/2023.. No action required at this time.**
- Regional Trails in Fort Wayne – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- South Adams Trails – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Enterprise Center Phase I – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- UB Block – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Posterity Scholar House – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Michiana Event Center – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- The Landing Redevelopment – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- The Clyde Theater Renovation – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Riverfront Park Fort Wayne – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Eagles Theatre – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Wabash River Trail – **Phase 2 is complete. Funding disbursement request is forthcoming.**
- Fahl Aquatics Facility – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Strawberry Valley Cultural Trail – Complete and funds almost fully disbursed. Phase 1 and 2 are complete and are ~\$10,300 under disbursed budget.
- Fishing Line Trail – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Kendallville Outdoor Recreation Center – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Grow Wells County – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- CASS Housing – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Community Learning Center – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Enterprise Center, Phase II – Construction complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Hanna Nuttman Fields – Complete and funding fully disbursed.

### **READI Program**

Michael Galbraith, Ryan Twiss and Andy Boxberger outlined recent developments regarding the READI award. Given the READI funding’s origin from the American Rescue Plan Act, the IEDC has engaged EY to support regions in working through federal reporting and eligibility requirements. It is unlikely that the RDA will have a draft grant agreement until the end of March, and staff expects to have more clarity around timelines for hearing local projects and making funding recommendations after that point.

**Gene Donaghy called for a motion to adjourn. Andrew Briggs made the motion to adjourn, James Khan seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.**