

RDA Meeting

Tuesday, November 23, 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: Andrew Briggs, Gene Donaghy, James Khan, Bob Marshall*, Jeff Turner

* Joined the meeting remotely following approval of Resolution 2021-1.

Staff in Attendance: Michael Galbraith, Andy Boxberger, Stephane Frijia, Vanessa Hurtig, Ryan Twiss

Call to order

Gene Donaghy called the meeting to order at **2:07pm**.

Bylaw Amendment

Resolution 2021-1 was presented for approval. This resolution satisfies the new state statute to allow for remote participation in public meetings. If approved, the current version of the bylaws will be modified to reflect this resolution. **Jeff Turner moved to approve the resolution and accompanying bylaw amendment, Andrew Briggs seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.**

Approval of Minutes

Gene Donaghy asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting. **Andrew Briggs moved to approve the minutes, James Kahn seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.**

Claims

Three claims were presented including a reimbursement to the Regional Partnership for final payment to TIP for the READI grant and two to Carson LLP for legal services. **Jeff Turner made a motion to approve the claims, Andrew Briggs 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. There will be a per-unit funding disbursement as the units are completed. **Construction of the fountain has been completed. About 50% finished. New multi-story family homes in progress. Given the slow nature of the project, Michael Galbraith will arrange a meeting for a subset of board members to meet with the City of Warsaw for an update.**
- Regional Trails in Fort Wayne – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- South Adams Trails – **Project complete and funding in escrow from INDOT has been disbursed. Andrew Briggs attended the ribbon cutting.**
- 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. Processing their final request for funding disbursement.**
- 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

The READI grant presentation is scheduled with the IEDC on December 3. A funding decision is expected by the end of December. Ryan Twiss reviewed the speaker line-up which includes representatives from economic development, workforce development, the RDA, an entrepreneur and a regional CEO.

Financials

Michael Galbraith presented the financials. **Jeff Turner made the motion to accept the financials, Andrew Briggs seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.**

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.