

MEETING MINUTES

January 14th, 2025



In Attendance: James Khan, Gene Donaghy, Bob Marshall, Jeff Turner, Andrew Briggs

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

Guests in Attendance: Lisa Esquivel Long with KPC Media, Jonathon Liest, Rex Barret, Javier Mondragon, Kelly Packnett, John Anderson (virtual), and Bob Vitoux.

Meeting Location: 200 East Main Street, Suite 910, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Call to Order

James Kahn called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Approval of Minutes

James Kahn requested a motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting. **Jeff Turner made a motion to approve the minutes. Bob Andrew Briggs seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Claims

Erin Whittle presented claims for management services from the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership and claims for legal services for Carson LLP. James Khan asked for a motion to approve the claims. **Jeff Turner made a motion to approve the claims. Bob Marshall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Financial Report

Erin Whittle presented the financial report to the RDA Board. **Jeff Turner made a motion to approve the claims. Bob Marshall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Strategic Development Commission

Jacob Ihrie presented a preapproval for payment professional services for Club720 in the amount \$31,666.66 and \$189,999.96. Contingent on SDC approval. **Jeff Turner made a motion to approve the claims. Bob Marshall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

READI 1.0 Disbursement Preapprovals

Jacob Ihrie presented approvals for the Ossian Workforce Housing Project for the amounts of \$201,577.29 and \$647,460.39. **James Kahn made the motion to approve the disbursements. Bob Marshal made the motion to approve, Andrew Briggs seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Jacob Ihrie presented pre-approvals for the Village Premier Phase II and Decatur Downtown Revitalization Projects for the amounts of \$369,999.90 and \$62,216.50, respectfully. **James Kahn made the motion to approve the disbursements. Andrew Briggs made the motion to approve, Gene Donaghy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

READI 2.0

The board considered The Eddy, formally the Wedge, presented by the City of Fort Wayne and Barret Realty. The request was for \$4 million in grant funding for the project. **After deliberation, James Kahn requested a motion on the project. Bob Marshal made the motion to approve the request. Andrew Briggs seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

The board heard initial presentations from the Millworks project for a mixed use development located in Warsaw, Indiana. The request amount was for \$3 million in READI funding. After hearing from the project team, **James Kahn make the motion to table the project until the February meeting. Jeff Turner seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

The board then heard from the Bridge of Grace project team requesting \$1.5 million in funding for their multifamily infill housing project in Southeast Fort Wayne. After deliberation, the board directed staff to work with the project owner to ensure that the total project cost was reflected in the budget. **Jeff Turner made the motion to table the project under that direction. Bob Marshall seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Adjournment

With no other new business, James Kahn asked for a motion to adjourn. **Gene Donaghy made the motion, Jeff Turner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, adjourning the meeting at 4:03 p.m.**