

- I. **Call to Order:** The RDA Board meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 with Chairman Leigh Morris presiding.
- II. **Roll Call:** Present: Chairman Leigh Morris, Harley Snyder, Bill Joiner, Lou Martinez, Ed Glover, Peter Novak and Jeff Good. Seven members were present constituting a quorum.
- III. **Public Comment:** *No comment.*
- IV. **Consent Agenda:** P. Novak moved for approval of the consent agenda with a second by E. Glover. All were in favor and the consent agenda was approved.
 - a. **Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 19, 2011:** **Approved**
 - b. **Consultant Services Report:** **Approved**
 - c. **Executive Director's Report:** **Approved**
 - d. **Chairman's Report:** **Approved**

V. **Action on Recommendations from Working Groups:**

- a. **Gary Airport Grant Application:** H. Snyder moved for approval of the Gary Airport Grant Application in the amount of \$30 million for the furtherance of the runway expansion project with a second by B. Joiner.

Roll Call Vote:

Ed. Glover	Yes
Jeff Good	Yes
Bill Joiner	Yes
Leigh Morris	Yes
Harley Snyder	Yes
Lou Martinez	Yes
Peter Novak	Yes

All were in favor of the motion and it was approved.

- b. **Town of Porter Grant Application:** B. Joiner moved for approval of the Town of Porter Grant Application in the amount of \$3.915 million with a second by L. Martinez.

H. Snyder abstained from voting.

Roll Call Vote:

Ed. Glover	Yes
Jeff Good	Yes
Bill Joiner	Yes
Leigh Morris	Yes
Lou Martinez	Yes
Peter Novak	Yes

Six members were in favor with one abstention of Harley Snyder. The motion was approved.

- c. **RDA Workplan:** P. Novak moved for approval of the RDA Workplan with a second by B. Joiner. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

- VI. **Project Status Review:** The status of each of the Working Groups, expected outcomes, actions taken thus far, major issues, and current activities are outlined in the work plan review. B. Hanna reported that the RDA is working with Policy Analytics to update the strategic plan for the coming year.
- a. **Public Comment:**
 - b. **Regional Bus Authority:** *No report.*
 - i. **Public Comment:** *No comment.*
 - c. **Shoreline Redevelopment:** *No report.*
 - i. **Public Comment:** *No comment.*
 - d. **Expansion of the Gary Chicago Airport:** *No report.*
 - i. **Public Comment:** *No comment.*
 - e. **Extension of South Shore Commuter Service:** *No report.*
 - i. **Public Comment:** *No comment.*
 - f. **RDA Administrative:** *No report.*
 - i. **Public Comment:** *No comment.*
 - g. **Other:** *None.*
- VII. **Unfinished Business:** *None*
- a. **Public Comment:** *No comment.*
 - b. **Other:** *None.*
- VIII. **New Business:**
- a. **Public Comment:** *No comment.*
 - b. **Other:** *None.*
- IX. **2011/2012 Future Meeting Planning:** The quarterly Board structure and the monthly Working Groups are reflected in the planning calendar.
- a. **Public Comment:**
 - b. **Working Group and Board Meeting June 21, 2011:** *TBA*
 - c. **Working Group Meeting, July 19, 2011:** *TBA*
 - d. **Other:** *None.*

X. General Public Comment:

J. Nowacki commented on the condition of the Marquette Park in Gary. He stated the condition is poor and maintenance is not being completed.

Robert Leonard commented on the lack of accessibility into the Marquette Park, and the park maintenance. He urged the Board to see it for themselves.

C. Meyers updated the Board on the construction phases of the Marquette Park, and assured the Board that the Superintendent is addressing issues of growth and maintenance of park.

XI. Adjournment: Without further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Jillian Huber on June 1, 2011