

- I. **Call to Order:** The RDA Board meeting was called to order at 10:00a.m. CST on Tuesday, July 23, 2013 with Chairman Don Fesko presiding.
- II. **Roll Call:** Present: Chairman Don Fesko, Harley Snyder, Ed Glover, Jeff Good, Bill Joiner and Tom Dabertin. Six members were present constituting a quorum.
- III. **Public Comment Policy:** T. Dabertin motioned to approve the guidelines and instructions for the public comment policy with a second by B. Joiner. All were in favor and the motion was approved.
- IV. **General Public Comment:** J. Nowacki voiced his concerns regarding the development around the airport.
- V. **Consent Agenda:**
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| a. <u>Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 2, 2013:</u> | <i>Approved</i> |
| b. <u>MBE/WBE Quarterly Report:</u> | <i>Approved</i> |
- VI. **Action on Recommendations from Fiscal Task Force:**
- a. **Recommendation:**
- i. **Approval of Cost-Overrun Policy Amendment:** B. Joiner motioned to approve the cost-overrun policy amendment with a second by J. Good. All were in favor and the motion was approved.
- b. **Ratification:**
- i. **Deal Closing Applications:** B. Hanna stated that action has to be taken to access money within the compounds of the deal closing policy. This action will assist IEDC with project Goldberg. B. Hanna reported that the RDA is waiting for a resolution of negotiations. RDA funds will not be issued until a deal is finalized.
- B.Hanna requested recommendation from the Board to authorize IEDC to move forward with negotiations with Project Goldberg.
- E. Glover motioned to approve the recommendation with a second by B. Joiner. All were in favor and the motion was approved.
- ii. **Job Creation Policy Amendment:** B. Joiner moved for approval of the job creation policy amendment with a second by J. Good. All were in favor and the motion was approved.
- VII. **Project Status Review:**
- a. **Surface Transportation:**
- i. **Update:** H. Snyder provided an update on the NICTD strategic business plan. NICTD and the RDA have engaged the services of URS for plan completion. H. Snyder reported that URS is currently in the process of conducting public input sessions.
- b. **Shoreline Redevelopment:**
- i. **Update:** S. Ziller gave an update on the following shoreline projects:
1. Hammond Lakes Area- 75% complete.

2. Whiting Lakefront- 59% complete.
3. Gary East Marquette Park- 98% complete; due for substantial completion September 2013.
4. East Chicago- 29% complete.
5. Town of Porter- 51% complete.

S. Ziller reported that all projects are within budget and scope.

c. Expansion of the Gary Airport:

- i. **Update:** H. Snyder gave an update on the airport's Ad Hoc committee on P3 partnership stating that they have created a successful REIQ. The purpose of the REIQ was to development some background to include investments from the persons responding to the REIQ within the RFP; it allows for the opportunity for smaller companies to coalesce and to partner with larger companies.

d. Economic Development:

- i. **Update:** J. Good reported that the economic development working group has been reconstituted and the group will convene for their first meeting next week to start setting a new direction.

e. RDA Operations:

- i. **Update:** S. Ziller gave an update on the trauma/medical center feasibility studies stating that a steering committee has been assembled to oversee the progress of the two studies and the committee is in the process of creating an RFP. S. Ziller also gave an update on the RDA's communication strategy.

VIII. Unfinished Business:

- i. **Update:** J. Nowacki voiced his concerns about the Gary airport.

IX. New Business:

- i. **City of East Chicago Development Grant Application:** B. Hanna reported that that City of East Chicago has submitted an application to the RDA to create a public-private partnership to capture economic development opportunities in the North Harbor. The application will be forwarded to the shoreline working group for further examination.

B.Joiner motioned to defer the application to the shoreline working group with a second by H. Snyder. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

- ii. **City of Hammond Challenge Grant Application:** B. Hanna reported that the City of Hammond had submitted an application requesting \$200,000 to be matched by \$800,000 from the City to demo property that runs adjacent to Calumet College of St. Joseph. Hanna stated that this will unlock approximately \$18 million in housing and dormitory opportunities.

B.Hanna asked for recommendation to approve a \$200,000 matching grant for the City of Hammond for demolition and cleanup work on the 2500 block of New York Avenue.

H. Snyder moved for approval with a second by B. Joiner. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

iii. **Other:** *None*

- X. **2013 Future Meeting Planning:** The quarterly Board structure and the monthly Working Groups are reflected in the planning calendar.
- XI. **Adjournment:** Without further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Jakubin