

- I. **Call to Order:** The RDA meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 with Chairman Leigh Morris presiding.
- II. **Roll Call:** Present: Leigh Morris, Harley Snyder, Lou Martinez, Bill Joiner, Howard Cohen, and Carmen Fernandez. Six members were present constituting a quorum.
- III. **Special Order of Business:** Richard Gomez with the City of East Chicago welcomed the RDA.
- IV. **Consent Agenda:** C. Fernandez moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by B. Joiner. All were in favor, and the consent agenda was approved.
 - a. **Minutes of the Board Meeting of 3/17/09:** **Approved**
 - b. **Minutes of the Special Session of 4/9/2009:** **Approved**
 - c. **Minutes of the Working Group of the Whole of 4/9/2009:** **Approved**
 - d. **Minutes of the Working Group of the Whole of 4/9/2009:** **Approved**
 - e. **Treasurer's Report – May, 2009:** **Approved**
 - f. **Consultants Report:** **Approved**
 - g. **Minority Compliance Report:** **Approved**
 - h. **Executive Directors Report:** **Approved**
 - i. **Chairman's Report:** **Approved**

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

- a. **Public Comment:** T. Torres and G. Rogge of the public made comments to the RDA Board. Mayor Clay and Deputy Mayor Tousant of Gary attended the meeting to support the Gary East application. Chris Meyers with the City of Gary also spoke in support of the Gary East application.
- b. **Gary East Application:** B. Joiner offered a motion to approve the Gary East application for \$28 million. The motion was seconded by L. Martinez.

Role Call Vote on the Motion:

L. Martinez	Yes
H. Cohen	Yes
C. Fernandez	Yes
B. Joiner	Yes
L. Morris	Yes
H. Snyder	Yes

All were in favor and the Gary East application for \$28 million was approved.

L. Morris stated that this is a monumental step forward and a positive change for northwest Indiana.

- c. **MBE/WBE Compliance Manual:** B. joiner offered a motion to approve the MBE/WBE compliance manual. The motion was seconded by H. Cohen. H. Cohen stated that there have been a number of refinements identified, while the language is clear and directive.

Roll Call Vote on the Motion:

L. Martinez	Yes
H. Cohen	Yes
C. Fernandez	Yes
B. Joiner	Yes

L. Morris	Yes
H. Snyder	Yes

All were in favor of the motion and the MBE/WBE compliance manual was approved.

- d.* **Buy-Indiana Compliance Manual:** B. Hanna echoed comments made by H. Cohen, stating that there have been a number of refinements, while the language is clear and directive. B. Joiner made a motion to adopt the Buy Indiana compliance manual. The motion was seconded by H. Snyder.

Roll Call Vote on the Motion:

L. Martinez	Yes
H. Cohen	Yes
C. Fernandez	Yes
B. Joiner	Yes
L. Morris	Yes
H. Snyder	Yes

All were in favor of the motion and the Buy-Indiana compliance manual was approved.

- e.* **Gary Chicago International Airport Application:** B. Hanna recommended to the Board the funding of L&B Business Plan for the Gary Chicago International Airport. The cost of the business plan is \$499,472. Funding is contingent upon the Gary Airport sharing the cost of the business plan with the RDA. H. Cohen stated that the selection process of L&B was a valuable process. B. Joiner moved to underwrite the costs. The motion was seconded by C. Fernandez.

Roll Call Vote on the Motion:

L. Martinez	Yes
H. Cohen	Yes
C. Fernandez	Yes
B. Joiner	Yes
L. Morris	Yes
H. Snyder	Yes

All were in favor of the motion and the Gary Chicago International Airport's application was approved.

- f.* **MBE/WBE Compliance Consultant:** B. Hanna, after a thorough interview process recommended to hire ODS to perform as the RDA's MBE/WBE compliance consultant. H. Snyder moved to hire ODS as the RDA's MBE/WBE compliance consultant. The motion was seconded by H. Cohen.

Roll Call Vote on the Motion:

L. Martinez	Yes
H. Cohen	Yes
C. Fernandez	Yes
B. Joiner	Yes
L. Morris	Yes
H. Snyder	Yes

All were in favor of the motion and the hiring of ODS as the RDA's MBE/WBE compliance consultant was approved.

VI. Project Status Review:

- a. **Public Comment:** T. Torres requested that the RDA Board consider including the practices of federal law, in terms of disabilities.*
- b. **Work Plan 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.*
- c. **Regional Bus Authority:** No report.*
- d. **Lake Shore Redevelopment:** No report.*
- e. **Expansion of the Gary/Chicago Airport:** No report.*
- f. **Extension of South Shore Commuter Service:** No report.*

VII. Unfinished Business:

- a. **Status of Responses to Request for Proposals for General Consulting:** B. Hanna stated that three firms will advance forward to the interview process to be conducted on July 9, 2009 in Executive Session for personnel matters.*
- b. **Financial Audit Payment Request:** B. Hanna stated that Whittaker and Co. has additional work that would conclude under contract for \$2,900. B. Hanna recommended approving their request. B. Joiner moved to approve the request made by Whittaker and Co. The motion was seconded by H. Snyder. All were in favor of the motion and the request for \$2,900 to complete the RDA financial audit was approved.*
- c. **Other:** None.*

VIII. New Business:

- a. **Public Comment:** T. Torres and C. Fleming made comments to the RDA Board.*
- b. **Marquette Cooperation Agreement:** B. Hanna stated that there have been ongoing discussions for a need of greater coordination and cooperation in terms of shoreline. B. Hanna recommended to the RDA Board to approve the Marquette Cooperation Agreement. H. Snyder moved for approval of the agreement. The motion was seconded by B. Joiner.*

B. Joiner stated that he is supportive of the agreement, however he believes that are still some items that need to be thoroughly discussed.

L. Morris recommended adding that as a stipulation to the motion.

Roll Call Vote on the Motion:

L. Martinez	Yes
H. Cohen	Yes
C. Fernandez	Yes
B. Joiner	Yes
L. Morris	Yes
H. Snyder	Yes

All were in favor of the motion the agreement was approved.

- c.* **Audit Report Update:** B. Hanna reported on a document that outlines what has been done to date in terms of the financial and internal control audits performed by Whittaker and Co., and London Witte.

B. Joiner moved to receive the audit reports. The motion was seconded by H. Cohen. All were in favor and the audit reports were received by the RDA Board.

- d.* **Applications Received:**

- i.* **Porter Application:** B. Hanna recommended to the Board to accept the Porter application and review it at the upcoming RDA Working Group meeting.

B. Joiner moved to accept and refine the Porter request. The motion was seconded by H. Cohen. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

- e.* **Other:** L. Morris asked the staff to review the RDA's rightful role to disability enterprises and ADA compliance; is there enough emphasis on that point?

IX. Future Meeting Planning:

a. **7/21/2009:** Purdue Technology Center, Crown Point

b. **8/25/2009:** Porter, Indiana

X. General Public Comment: G. Janiec and C. Meyers made comments to the RDA Board.

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

Respectfully submitted by Jillian Huber on June 24, 2009