

**Burns Harbor Redevelopment Commission
Minutes of March 12, 2025**

The Redevelopment Commission of the Town of Burns Harbor, Porter County, Indiana, met in a regular session on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at the Burns Harbor Fire Department. The meeting was called to order by Redevelopment Commission President Roseann Bozak at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited.

Roll Call:

Commissioner Roseann Bozak.....	Present
Commissioner Brad Enslen	Present
Commissioner Jack McGraw	Present
Commissioner Jennifer McHargue.....	Present
Commissioner Kylane Tumblin.....	Present
Commissioner Jocelyn Hibshman (non-voting member)	Present

Additional Officials Present

Attorney-Clay Patton, and Consultant and Karnerblue Era-Tina Rongers

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner McHargue made a motion to approve the February 25, 2025, meeting minutes. Commissioner Enslen seconded the motion. Commissioner Tumblin-Aye, Commissioner Enslen–Aye, Commissioner McHargue–Aye, Commissioner McGraw- Aye, Commissioner Bozak–Aye. Motion passed.

Reports

Commissioners

Nothing to report.

Clerk-Treasurer

Absent

RDC Attorney

Nothing to report.

RDC Engineers

Nothing to report.

RDC Consultant-Karnerblue

Rongers stated that in terms of the Marquette Greenway, the main project update is in terms of Phase 1B; our Next Level Trails funded project is currently under design engineering. I spoke with the state project manager, and he confirmed those are state funds. The 5 million dollars is dedicated to the Town of Burns Harbor, and those funds are available for the project to proceed. In terms of that project that is under the design engineering and environmental, we did get word from SEH, who is overseeing the environmental review process for the Redevelopment Commission, that the National Park Service will have issued the approval for the early coordination letters to be sent out. So, this kind of sets the clock and starts the clock for the environmental review process that will move through the writing of a large document that will have a public comment period to it, and be subject to a review process within the National Park Service. We may experience a delay from time to time, but the project is still moving forward. We are at 60% of the design plans. Those plans have also been submitted to Norfolk Southern so that their team, which is an engineering firm called AECOM, can review those terms. We do not have a set timeline for when they will respond, so we are going to continue to monitor that. The goal is to have 100% of those plans in April.

In Phase 1A, the project is complete, but we are just in the grant closeout stage. We are just doing the final paperwork for that, and we do have Abonmarche communicating with the town engineer related to the residents' concern regarding the southern culvert that is located on the bike trail. We should hear back and have some feedback on that in the coming weeks. In Phase 2, we had an opportunity to do a site walk with some of the commissioners. The concerns with Phase 2,

which is the Westport section, are not directly related to the project. I spoke with Superintendent Downey, and he said part of the ruts on that portion of the trail are from mowing, or the land in that area does not drain well. There are also some concerns regarding the temporary access road and flooding, so I think there will be further discussions regarding that. And then there are some Phase 3 items, there is some concrete that is cracked and some damage that has been done to the ADA kind of platform. We will see what we can do to make sure those are mediated. The bollards at the end of Stanley Street should be installed here within the next week.

Related to the Westport site, we do have a residential developer that is interested in the 28-acre site for a potential residential and commercial use. We are initiating a conversation with them, so we are going to determine what the next steps are.

Duneland School Board Representative

Hibshman stated that Chesterton High School's speech team placed third at the state finals on March 8, 2025. The Japanese Olympiad team won two state championships. The Westchester middle school robotics team earned an innovation award, and the Brummitt robotics team is headed to state. The Chesterton High School academic math team placed first at the Purdue Northwest Invitational, and the Fine Arts team and science team placed second.

Correspondence

None

Old Business

Marquette Greenway

Nothing new to report.

Safe Streets for All

Commissioner McGraw gave an update on the Safe Streets for All questionnaire that was sent out to the residents. An action plan is still being put together, and we should have that finished very soon.

New Business

Nothing to report.

Approval of Claims Register

Commissioner McHargue made a motion to approve the Claims Register. Commissioner Tumblin seconded the motion. Commissioner McGraw-Aye, Commissioner Tumblin- Aye, Commissioner McHargue-Aye, Commissioner Enslen- Aye, Commissioner Bozak- Aye. Motion passed.

Approval of the Financial Report for the Month of February 2025

Commissioner Tumblin made a motion to approve the financial report. Commissioner McHargue seconded the motion. Commissioner McHargue- Aye, Commissioner McGraw- Aye, Commissioner Enslen- Aye, Commissioner Tumblin- Aye, Commissioner Bozak- Aye. Motion passed.

Good of the Order

Rongers stated that outside of my role with the Town of Burns Harbor, I am currently sitting on the Friends of Marquette Greenway committee. This is an advisory committee that was recently established to fundraise for the Marquette Greenway fund, which is a fund housed at Legacy Foundation. The purpose of the fund is to raise money to support the long-term operation and maintenance of the Marquette Greenway trail across the region. We are hosting a fundraising event on March 25, 2025, at the Indiana Welcome Center. This will help communities supplement some of the costs of the operations and maintenance that haven't been designed yet.

Adjournment

Commissioner Enslen made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Tumblin seconded the motion. Commissioner McHargue-Aye, Commissioner Enslen-Aye, Commissioner Tumblin-Aye, Commissioner McGraw-Aye, Commissioner Bozak-Aye. Motion passed.

The meeting concluded at 6:15 p.m.

Approved April 9, 2025.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
FOR THE TOWN OF BURNS HARBOR

Roseann Bozak, President

Brad Enslen, Vice President

Jennifer McHargue, Secretary

Jack McGraw

Kylane Tumblin

ATTEST:

Jill Sherrill, Recording Secretary