

MINUTES
HERMITAGE COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
OCTOBER 8, 2009

The Hermitage Community & Economic Development Commission held a regular meeting October 8, 2009 at the Hermitage Municipal Building, Conference Room #302, Hermitage, PA.

HCEDC Members Attending: Rex Knisley Members Absent: John Holliday
George Kraynak
Bob Cucitrone
Meg Grober
Tony Pagliaroli
Angela Palumbo

HCEDC Commissioner Representative: Bill Moder

Others in Attendance: Gary Gulla, City of Hermitage
Gary Hinkson, City of Hermitage
Jeremy Coxe, City of Hermitage
Amy Gargiulo, City of Hermitage
Marcia Hirschmann, City of Hermitage (arrived 7:32 a.m.)
Tom Kuster, City Solicitor
Paul Young, City of Hermitage (arrived 7:35 a.m.)
Joe Pinchot, The Herald

I. GENERAL

A. Call to Order

Rex Knisley called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

B. Consideration of Approval of Minutes

The minutes were reviewed from the September 3, 2009 Regular Meeting. Bob Cucitrone moved to accept the minutes. Tony Pagliaroli seconded the motion. All members approved.

II. BUSINESS MEETING

A. Monthly Activity Report

Mr. Gulla stated that the City still has not received any word on the 2009 CDBG application, but on October 7th a letter was received stating that we will be awarded \$93,960 of economic stimulus money. Jeremy Coxe reported that the City had been planning on using 2008, 2009 and stimulus money, totaling \$500,000, to begin work on another neighborhood improvement project in the Rombold Road Census Tract area. Depending on when the contracts are received, the City is ready to begin stormwater and roadway improvement work in the Rombold Road area next spring. The other 2009 CDBG money will be used for housing rehabilitation, a Community Counseling Center project and general administration.

The first neighborhood investment program area (Boyd Dr. to State St. to Highland Rd. to Buhl Farm Dr.) construction is progressing well. Next year the City plans on beginning work in this area around Woodside, Cohasset and Richmond Drives.

For the most part, feedback from the residents in the area of neighborhood improvement project (NIP) has been positive, but they were provided with a monthly update to keep them informed of the status of construction.

The Athletic Fields Project is proceeding well. The softball fields are cut in, the dugouts are partially constructed, the stormwater facilities have been completed, the multipurpose field is graded, seeded and mulched and the utilities have been installed.

The Training & Workforce Development Building project is going well and is at least 90% complete. The project is ahead of schedule and under budget. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled. A restroom is available on the north side of the building for public use. It can be accessed without entering the building.

An application for federal funding was made for the Technology Center Project. No final word has been received yet, but it looks positive. Additional information was recently requested from the City and submitted.

B. Community & Economic Development and RLF Reports – August

The Revolving Loan Fund Repayment Reports were reviewed for August. All payments were current. For August the RLF program balance was \$188,696.55. Total available for loans based on projected repayments through the end of the year was \$222,839.11. The Landscape and Façade Improvement program balance was \$57,506.27. The total available for loans based on projected repayments through the end of the year was \$68,816.35.

George Kraynak moved to accept the RLF reports. Tony Pagliaroli seconded the motion. All members approved.

C. LindenPointe Lot 18A – Sale of Land to Butler County Community College

A land development plan was submitted, reviewed and approved for the SEED building where Butler County Community College is currently located. The project is to expand the existing building from 8,000 square feet to approximately 20,000 square feet. Two lots were conveyed from the City to SEED with restrictions that they can only be transferred to BC3. BC3 will be acquiring Lot 16B from Fred George-KAKE Development. They also would like to acquire Lot 18A from the City to allow room for expansion and to connect to the training building and technology center in the future. The City will sell Lot 18A to BC3 for \$50,000. BC3 is moving forward and would like to close all transactions before the end of the year.

It was reported that, at the state level, community colleges have been encouraged to have more of a regional presence. BC3 has leased facilities in all their other locations, but they have the confidence in this market to acquire and own a facility off of their main campus in Hermitage.

Angela Palumbo moved to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the City sell Lot 18A in LindenPointe to Butler County Community College Education Foundation for \$50,000. Bob Cucitrone seconded the motion. All were in favor.

George Kraynak moved to adjourn the meeting. Meg Grober seconded the motion. All members approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Gargiulo
Recording Secretary

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