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NEW ALBANY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The regular meeting of the New Albany Redevelopment Commission was held on Tuesday, August 25, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in the Assembly Room, City-County Building, New Albany, Indiana.

Commission Members Present: Irving Joshua, President

Adam Dickey, Vice President

Dan Coffey

Commission Members Absent: Edward Hancock, Secretary

John Gonder

Staff Members Present: David C. Duggins, Jr., Director

Trent Baker, Economic Development Assistant Jessica Campbell, Public Facilities Specialist (PFS) Robin King, Neighborhood Initiatives Assistant (NIA)

Others Present: Jim Silliman, Jacobi, Toombs, and Lanz

Daniel Suddeath, News and Tribune Larry Summers, City Engineer

The President called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m., and roll was called. Mr. Hancock and Mr. Gonder were absent.

The first item of business was **Approval of the August 11, 2015 minutes.** Mr. Coffey motioned to approve the August 11, 2015 minutes. Mr. Dickey seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

The second item of business was **Comments from the Public**. The President noted that there were none.

The first item of new business was the **Bono Road Improvement Project Phase I Plans and Specifications**. Mr. Silliman from Jacobi, Toombs, and Lanz, explained that Phase 1 would be reconstruction of the section of Bono Road from Green Valley Road to East Cottom Road. He explained that this plan included pavement restoration and building of ADA compliant sidewalks and curbs. Mr. Silliman stated that coordinating with the utility companies led to Indiana American Water Company accelerating their schedule to replace the water main under that section while under construction. The President asked Mr. Silliman to contact Indiana American Water Company and ask why only the water main under that section of the road was being replaced.

Mr. Dickey stated that we must be sure we are communicating the construction schedule with the Board of Public Works. The Director stated the City Engineer will be coordinating with the Board of Public Works.

Mr. Dickey requested that Jacobi, Toombs, and Lanz inspect the box culvert north of Country Club Drive to be sure it is not collapsing. Mr. Silliman stated that a corner piece of the sidewalk has broken away, and is being replaced. Mr. Dickey stated that if Jacobi, Toombs, and Lanz is confident the box is in good shape, then he is satisfied.

Mr. Coffey expressed concerns about the drainage issues in that area. The Director and the City Engineer stated that the Storm Water Department has plans in the works aimed at alleviating many of those issues.

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Mr. Silliman requested authorization from the Redevelopment Commission to begin the request for bid process. Mr. Dickey motioned to approve the request from Jacobi, Toombs, and Lanz for authorization to begin the bid process for the Bono Road Improvement Plan. Mr. Coffey seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Dickey asked the City Engineer if there had been any discussions with TARC regarding installing bus shelters at stops along Bono Road. The City Engineer stated that he has been in extensive talks with TARC. He stated that there are plans to place two. The first one will be placed as soon as the design is ready, and TARC is researching a location for the second one.

The President stated that he would like to arrange a retreat or work session with the Common Council and the Mayor's office to formulate a strategic plan for the City. He stated that perhaps some businesses would also like to join in the discussion. The President stated that having a strategic plan in writing to show those who are interested in investing in the City could possibly be an incentive. The Director stated he would work on arranging a meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Approved and Adopted this 8th day of September, 2015.

Yrving Joshua, President

ATTEST:

Edward Hancock, Secretary