

MINUTES

NEW ALBANY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The regular meeting of the New Albany Redevelopment Commission was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 2:30 p.m., virtually, through Zoom.com.

Commission Members Present: Irving Joshua, President
Adam Dickey, Vice President
Terry Middleton, Secretary
Jason Applegate
Jennie Collier
Elaine Murphy, School Board Advisory Member

Commission Members Absent:

Staff Members Present: Josh Staten, Redevelopment Director
Jessica Campbell, Public Facilities Specialist (PFS)
Claire Johnson, Neighborhood Initiatives Coordinator (NIC)

Others Present: Josh Darby, Jacobi, Toombs, & Lanz Inc.
Linda Moeller, City Controller
Bob Stein, United Consulting
Daniel Suddeath, News and Tribune

The President opened the **Public Hearing** for the **Amendment to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and Fiscal Year 2020 One-Year Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant**. The Director stated that this is the second amendment to the Consolidated Plan and the public hearing is a HUD requirement. He stated that anyone that would like to speak is welcome to do so. He added that this is the first step to writing the amendment and that the Commission will have time to discuss and vote on the amendment at the February 23, 2021 meeting. The President asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no comments from the public. Mrs. Collier motioned to close the Public Hearing for the Amendment to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and Fiscal Year 2020 One-Year Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant. Mr. Dickey seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

The President called the meeting to order at 2:34 PM. Roll was called. All members were present.

The first item of business was the **Approval of the Minutes** from the January 12, 2021 meeting. The President asked if there were any necessary additions or modifications. The President noted that the year was incorrect on the minutes. Mr. Middleton motioned to approve the January 12, 2021 minutes with the correction of the date. Mr. Applegate seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

The second item of business was the **Comments from the Public**. The President allowed time for the public to comment. The President noted that there were no comments.

Old Business:

The President noted that there was no Old Business.

New Business:

The first item of New Business was the **Olive Ave. Sidewalk Improvements Project Professional Services Amendment No.1 – Clark Dietz, Inc.** The Director stated that this a CDBG sidewalk project.

He stated that there was \$40,000 left over and they were able to do some extra drainage work, with construction estimated to stay within the CDBG at approximately \$30,000. He explained that this amendment is for the additional survey, design, and field work to assess options for improving the slope, coverage, and capacity of the existing storm water system at the intersection of Olive Ave. and Pearl Street and the system downstream to East Cottom Ave. Mr. Dickey said that the amendment looks fine and noted that it includes the construction observation. Mr. Dickey motioned to approve the Olive Ave. Sidewalk Improvements Project Professional Services Amendment No.1 – Clark Dietz, Inc. in the amount of \$10,620. Mrs. Collier seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

The second item of New Business was the **Claims Worksheet** dated 1/18/2021. The President stated that staff was available to answer any questions or concerns. Mrs. Collier motioned to approve the Claims Worksheet dated 1/18/2021 in the amount of \$913,689.68. Mr. Dickey seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Other Business:

The first item of Other Business was an update from the **New Albany Floyd County School** system. Ms. Murphy stated that they are back at school and are monitoring the situation with Dr. Harris. She stated that any exposure or cases are posted on the website. She explained that they moved to this method because many of the parents had stopped listening to the “all calls”. Ms. Murphy stated that you can check the website for updates every day and clarified that they are still making phone calls to students that may have been exposed or to individual classrooms. The President asked if internet access needs for the students are currently being met. Ms. Murphy responded that the schools are working individually with parents and students and that Spectrum has been helping with hot spots and cable service.

The second item of Other Business was Mr. Middleton’s comment that he is seeing progress in the City, with the House of K moving in next door to his business and mentioned the recent demolition of the building on the corners of Spring Street and Scribner Drive and the building on the corner of Main Street and Bank Street. The President added that there has been a lot of momentum in New Albany pre-Covid and wanted to ensure that momentum isn’t lost. Mr. Middleton asked the Director to address the foliage at the Old Salvation Army location. The Director stated that he would take a look. Mr. Middleton stated that a strand of lights hanging in the alley next to J. Nicolle salon are out and asked for that to be addressed. The Director responded that he would get that taken care of.

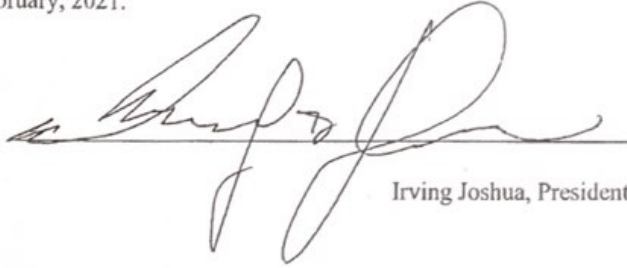
The third item of Other Business was Mr. Applegate’s discussion about the **shoreline project** in New Albany that was recently presented to the City Council. He stated that he recognizes that much of this project was set in motion by the Redevelopment Commission before his time on the Commission and commended the good work. The Director stated that he would email the PDF from the presentation to the Commission members.

The fourth item of Other Business was Mr. Dickey’s discussion about the article in the News & Tribune about the new **City Hall**. He stated that this is an exciting project and had it not been for action by the Mayor, City Council, and the Redevelopment Commission, that building would likely not be here today. Mr. Dickey added that City staff have outgrown their space at the City-County Building and he joins them in looking forward to the new space. Mr. Dickey stated that he hopes that when we are able to shift

to in-person meetings that the public will also get to see and utilize the space. The Director added that he did not know when we would be able to shift to in-person meetings but that is being monitored.

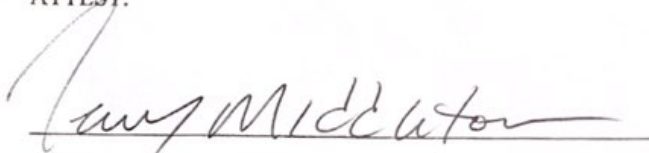
There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:47 PM.

Approved and Adopted this 9th day of February, 2021.



Irving Joshua, President

ATTEST:



Terry Middleton, Secretary