

CITY OF COLUMBUS  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2015

The September 9, 2015 Economic Development Authority meeting for the City of Columbus was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President Dave Povolny at the City Hall. Present were EDA Commissioners, Tracie Wilson, Denny Peterson, Mark Daly, Jeff Duraine, and Bill Krebs, Executive Director Elizabeth Mursko, Attorney Bill Griffith, and Assistant Secretary Lorie Lemieux.

Also in attendance: Pat Preiner, Mary Preiner, Jody Krebs, and Jesse Preiner

**1. Call To Order - Regular Meeting – 6:05 P.M**

**2. APPROVAL – MINUTES June 10, 2015 EDA minutes**

*Motion* by Duraine to approve the Minutes of the June 10, 2015 EDA meeting as written. Second by Peterson. Motion carried.

**3. AGENDA APPROVAL**

*Motion* by Duraine to approve the Agenda presented. Second by Daly. Motion carried.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

The Executive Director indicated that there is no new business at this time.

**5. OPEN BUSINESS**

**Motion – NE Quadrant CR Layout Proposal (Pages 1 & 2)**

Executive Director Mursko, directed the EDA to the enclosed proposal from Architectural Consortium LLC for Architectural design services for the Columbus retail master plan. As a result of the recent McCombs retail study, Mr. McCombs recommended Ms. Anderson, President of Architectural Consortium and a landscape architect whose specialty is commercial retail planning, to the City to produce a layout of the NE quadrant. The proposal is for \$2,000.00 which a colored site plan for marketing purposes will be produced. If a meeting with Kathy is requested, an additional fee of \$400.00 per meeting is added. The NE quadrant has 18 developable acres and has the highest value out of the four quadrants and is the most sought after. Once a plan is designed it will be available to market to those areas of businesses that are suitable to this area. Ms. Anderson's plan will be a result of analyzing the recent McCombs market study and develop a plan that will include adequate size of buildings and parking spots allotted for the size of the area. Daly inquired where and whom this information would be available. Mursko explained that this information is for the City to be able to market and potentially sell the land to the appropriate businesses. Mursko added that she receives calls inquiring about this property but feels she is not able to give them enough information to keep the conversation going. The perspective buyer wants a plan/vision from the City of what the property will look like and at this point she has nothing to provide to them. Povolny stated that he felt this concept may be too tentative and may be more financially beneficial to spend \$300-400. Povolny's desired vision is a "village" like mall area similar to Hugo, Blaine on 10 & 242, and by Cub in Forest Lake.

Peterson feels it would certainly help to have something to show interested developers. Povolny would like to request two renderings: option A and option B depending on what kind of developer comes forward. Griffith commented that it would not be unreasonable to ask for clarification such as; does the proposed layout match the comp plan and since this is conceptual we would like a couple different plans.

**Motion by Peterson to approve spending up to \$3,000.00 to have Ms. Anderson provide us a plan and information on what she can provide us for this amount . Second by Krebs. Vote as follows: Wilson- aye, Peterson – aye, Daly – aye, Duraine aye, Krebs – aye, Povolny – aye. Motion carries.**

#### **Motion – Columbus Marketing Brochure Proposal**

Mursko informed the board that James McCombs provided an estimate to prepare a marketing brochure for a fee of \$2,000.00. This information would be a compilation of the data pulled from the recent McCombs study. After this process certain data and details would be pulled from this and placed into a tri-fold brochure. The consensus of the Board was to table this to the next meeting.

#### **Discussion 2016 EDA Budget.**

This EDA budget will be discussed at the City Council meeting following this meeting during budget discussion.

#### **6. COMMISSION OPEN DISCUSSION**

No discussion

#### **7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mursko stated that cities are required to hold a Property Tax Public meeting (f.k.a Truth and Taxation) in whereas you provide the public an opportunity to talk about the proposed budget. Mursko proposed December 9, 2015 at 7:00 pm to hold this meeting.

**Motion by Peterson to set the date of December 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m for the Proposed Property Tax Hearing. Second by Krebs. Wilson- aye, Peterson – aye, Daly – aye, Duraine aye, Krebs – aye, Povolny – aye. Motion carried.**

#### Treasurer's Report

100 EDA General Fund Loan

\$(1,007,415.68)

240 EDA Fund

\$(6,013.54)

**8. NEXT MEETING DATE:** November 10, 2015 6:00 pm

#### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Daly to adjourn. Second by Krebs. Motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lorie Lemieux/Recording Secretary