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Regular Meeting / August 13, 2013
Minutes

Attendance: Ed Clark, Claus Bartenstein, Israel Mac, William Notte, Mike Gauthier, Dave Cooper, Brennan Duffy and Barbara Allen.

Absent: Wendy Wilton

- I. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 am.
- II. William moved to approve the minutes of July 23, 2013. Mike seconded. Motion was approved.
- III. No one from the public was in attendance to address the Board.
- IV. Dave and Brennan advised that Jerry had resigned from the RRA Board. There was a brief discussion regarding a gift from the Board to acknowledge Jerry's many years of service. Dave and Brennan would keep the Board apprised.
- V. Ed moved to authorize Dave to sign the warrant for payment of Fund 800 expenses totaling \$22,200.90 and recommend to the City Board of Finance that \$345.32 in City General Fund 100 expenditures be approved for payment. William seconded. Motion was approved.
- VI. William moved to approve RRA Ordinance 13-1 establishing the FY14 SBD tax rate at 13.6%. Ed seconded. Motion was approved.
- VII. Brennan provided the following status reports:

Vacant/Blighted Property Ordinance – The Board of Aldermen approved the ordinance. In the future it is likely that another ordinance will be established regarding formal procedures to transfer ownership of affected properties to the City or other designated entity.

Watkins School – The request for City support in a VCDP grant application for the conversion of the former Watkins Avenue School into senior/disabled housing by the Housing Trust of Rutland County was denied by the Aldermen.

Berwick site – There was discussion regarding a meeting with ANR related to moving the brownfield cleanup initiative forward on this site.

Hotel Analysis – The kick-off meeting with PKF Consulting was held.

Hannaford Site – Discussion regarding the conversion of Hannaford building on South Main Street to a possible Hobby Lobby retail store. The property owner has in the past declined assistance from the RRA related to marketing/redeveloping this property.

Discussion regarding a potential developer interested in assembling several parcels on South Main Street for a retail use.

34 North Main Street – Status update regarding a proposed purchase & sales agreement.

Municipal Planning Grant – Discussion regarding applying for funds with respect to gateway improvements and Evelyn Street reconfiguration.

Neighborhood Revitalization Grant – Only one response to RFP was received and a contract will be awarded to I Squared Consultants. Waiting on DHCD for grant award paperwork.

Solar-based Economic Development Fund – Brennan is working on establishing a recruitment/retention fund based on solar array development revenue.

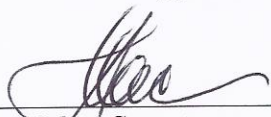
Fucci Development – Update on status of possible EB-5 project looking at a large scale senior housing development.

VIII. New Business.

Barbara reminded everyone about the next Architectural Review Committee meeting to discuss a more formal application process.

IX. It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion was approved. The meeting ended at 8:42 am.

These minutes approved this 27TH day of Aug, 2013.



Israel Mac, Secretary