



RUTLAND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
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Regular Meeting / February 11, 2014  
Minutes

Attendance: Dave Cooper, William Notte, Israel Mac, Wendy Wilton, Claus Bartenstein, Stephanie Peters, Mike Gauthier and Brennan Duffy.

Absent: Ed Clark and Barbara Spaulding.

Also attending: Cristina Kumka, Peg TV.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 am.
- II. William moved to approve the minutes of January 28, 2014. Stephanie seconded. Motion was approved.
- III. No one from the public was in attendance to address the Board.
- IV. William moved to authorize Dave to sign the warrant for payment of Fund 800 expenses totaling \$19,750.00 and recommend to the City Board of Finance payment of Fund 100 expenses totaling \$3,016.31. Stephanie seconded. Motion was approved.
- V. Brennan provided the following project status report:

Northwest Neighborhood Redevelopment – The RRA, on behalf of the City, will be working in collaboration with other applicable agencies and organizations regarding the acquisition and rehabilitation of blighted properties in the Northwest neighborhood.

Street Corridor Improvements – The Community and Economic Development Committee of the Board of Aldermen passed a resolution that the City utilize up to \$22,500 from the Zamias Fund as match for a grant application being made to the State Downtown Transportation Fund. If awarded, funds will be used for the construction of a new sidewalk, during 2014, along West Street between Pine Street and the new Farmer's Market complex. The resolution will be forwarded to the full Board.

Business Incentives – The RRA will be presenting an Economic Development Incentive recommendation to the Community and Economic Development Committee that water and sewer rates be either frozen or reduced for businesses creating new jobs within the City.

Keith's II – Keith's II has been sold to an out-of-state company that intends to keep current operation in Rutland. It is recommended that the RRA pass a resolution recommending to the Board of Aldermen reinstating the personal property tax stabilization terms for five years to the new owner. William so moved. Mike seconded. Motion was approved.

Blighted Property Legislation – Brennan and Charles Romeo will be holding a conference call with Frank Alexander and other members of The Center for Community Progress, leading experts regarding blighted property legislation and acquisition mechanisms.

VISION Project – Brennan will be speaking today with the police department representatives regarding needs of the targeted neighborhood.

Solar Arrays – Brennan discussed concerns regarding proposed legislation changes that would restrict and reduce the City's taxing authority regarding solar projects. Dave expressed reservations that the current taxing situation does not adequately encourage solar projects, based on his experiences with former potential solar developments.

- VII. Wendy suggested that the Board's discussions reflect a distinction between vacant and blighted properties in order to avoid confusion. Wendy also advised the Board regarding potential upcoming tax sales.
- VIII. It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion was approved. The meeting ended at 8:42 am.

These minutes approved this 25<sup>TH</sup> day of Feb, 2014.

  
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Israel Mac, Secretary