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Regular Meeting / April 28, 2015
Minutes

Attendance: Dave Cooper, Brennan Duffy, Barbara Spaulding, Matt Bloomer, Israel Mac, Stephanie Peters, Ed Clark and Wendy Wilton.

Also attending: Chris Etori, DRP and Mayor Louras.

Absent: Claus Bartenstein and Mike Gauthier.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 am.
- II. Agenda Additions/Deletions – Stephanie asked that the DRP report be added to the agenda.
- III. Ed moved to approve the minutes of April 14, 2015. Stephanie seconded. Motion was approved.
- IV. No one from the public was in attendance to address the Board.
- V. Wendy moved to authorize Dave to sign the warrant for payment of Fund 800 expenses totaling \$4,263.02. Ed seconded. Motion was approved.
- VI. Barbara provided the following grant updates:

Downtown Designation Renewal 2015 - The Aldermen set the public hearing for 6:15 pm May 18 for the Designated Downtown Capital Plan and Budget and the notice will be published in the newspaper as required. Photos are still needed for the application package which will be submitted May 4.

Downtown Pedestrian and Gateway Improvements (Strongs/Merchants Row) – Historic Preservation has signed off on the projects with a letter stating “no significant impact.” The grant agreement offer has been received.

Northwest Neighborhood Revitalization - A financial system with the Treasurer’s office is being set up in anticipation of the first requisition.

Downtown Gateway Study - The Consultant will present the final report at a public meeting at 6 pm on April 29 at the RRPC conference room, third floor of the Opera House. The State Intelligents Website will be down for a few weeks in June and requires an early close out of June 8 for this grant.

Rutland Creek Path Segment 5 – Weston & Sampson has been hired as the Consultant Engineer for Segment 5; following the execution of their contract an invoice to RRPC for the 10% matching funds will be submitted to the Treasurer’s office for processing.

VII. Brennan provided the following project updates:

The College of St. Joseph's WWRI application for its new real estate investment was approved by the Aldermen. The College acknowledged award of the incentive in several press releases.

Downtown Strategic Plan – The plan was forwarded to the Board for comment. Dave asked if there would be an opportunity to revisit the plan. Wendy suggested including a discussion of the plan in conjunction with the DRP quarterly reports.

Indoor Aquatic Center – Discussion regarding the pros and cons of an indoor pool vs. an outdoor pool, benefits to Rutland's aging population and including an indoor pool into the Evelyn Street Revitalization concept.

Environmental Tech Proposal – The Community & Economic Development Committee approved the concept of the Environmental Tech incentive with discussion regarding management of the revolving loan fund.

Maker's Fair – REDC is participating in a Maker's Fair event during Sidewalk Sales in August. Brennan said it would be a good investment to have the RRA represented at the table. Wendy moved to approve a \$500 sponsorship toward the fair with acknowledgment of the RRA's support and involvement. Ed seconded. Motion was approved.

Road Pitch – Brennan discussed an event to be held in August with a venture capital group and REDC. The event is modeled after "Shark Tank."

Partnership Budget Schedule – The DRP has requested a meeting on May 26 with Dave, Stephanie and Brennan to discuss the proposed FY16 budget.

Beverage Center Property – Discussion regarding the status of the sale of the property.

VIII. New Business: The Board acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report for March, 31, 2015;

Alderman Bloomer discussed Act 250 9L criteria.

IX. Ed moved to adjourn. Wendy seconded. Motion was approved. The meeting ended at 9:14 am.

These minutes approved this ____ day of _____, 2015.

Israel Mac, Secretary