Urban Redevelopment Agency of the City of Forest Park

Board Meeting August 26, 2015 Minutes

A regular meeting of the Urban Redevelopment Agency of the City of Forest Park was held on Wednesday, August 26, 2015, at the Forest Park City Hall, 745 Forest Parkway, Forest Park, GA 30297.

Board Members: Frank Brandon; Pamela Lake; Allan Mears; and, Lois Wright.

Staff, Legal Counsel and Others: Fred Bryant

Frank Brandon, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. There was a quorum present. The following matters were addressed:

Approval of Minutes:

Pamela Lake made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 22nd meeting, seconded by Lois Wright. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Chairman's Announcements and Comments:

Frank Brandon welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then briefly discussed the progress that continues to be made at the Gillem Logistics Center. Bids are out for painting the historic buildings, for the entrance signage and for landscaping. The development partners are planning a groundbreaking for their parcel on September 24th. Mayor, Council, City Staff and the URA Board will be invited.

Executive Director's Update:

Fred Bryant discussed the closing of the two OEA grants that expired on June 30, 2015. All reports have been prepared for submission to OEA not later than September 30, 2015. The final grant for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 has been signed by OEA and was accepted by Mayor Lockhart on August 14, 2015. Kroger has not formally announced job openings for their distribution center, but they are on track for a Fall 2015 opening. The property and building will be transferred to the City's Development Authority by the end of 2015 and leased back by a Kroger subsidiary.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Frank Brandon indicated that the Lowe Engineers Invoice agenda item was not ready for consideration awaiting additional information from Lowe and our development team. Lois Wright made a motion to table this item, seconded by Pamela Lake. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Frank Brandon, Chairman of the URA, and Deidre F. Brown Collins, CEO of Acsential, held a public signing of the contract for the Gillem Logistics Center communications Plan.

Open Discussion:

Included under Executive Director's Update.

The next regular meeting will be September 23, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Allan Mears to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Lois Wright. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Recorded By:

Fred Bryant, URA Executive Director

Approved:

September 16, 2015

Fred E. Bryant Executive Director