

City of Franklin Economic Development Commission

Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2010

I. Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Skowronski in the Hearing Room of Franklin City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Members present were Chairman Skowronski and Commissioners Burac-Englert, Hintz, Karolewicz, Kerr, Oleson and Michlig. Commissioner Haselow (6:14) arrived later. Commissioners Alderman Olson, Zawacki, Desai and Ohm were excused. Also present was Assistant City Attorney Sajdak and Alderman Taylor.

II. Citizen Comment Period

Chairman Skowronski opened the floor to Citizen Comments. No citizens were present to speak and the Citizen Comment Period was closed.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. April 26, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Motion made (Michlig) and seconded (Hintz) to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2010 EDC meeting as presented. Motion carried: Ayes (7), Noes (0)

IV. Business

A. Presentation by Hitters Baseball Academy concerning plans for a new baseball facility located on S. 27th Street near County Line Road

Chairman Skowronski presented background on the agenda item. Owner provided details concerning the need for a new/expanded facility. Commissioner Haselow arrived at 6:14. Discussion followed among commission members. Commissioner Haselow suggested that the proposed use would not be consistent with the Master Plan. Commissioner Kerr inquired about the number of hotel nights predicted to be needed with the facility. Commissioner Burac-Englert suggested that there might be partnership possibilities with Franklin High School who needs baseball fields. Alderman Taylor was permitted to speak and suggested that what is presently proposed is better than the possible pipedream contained in the Master Plan. Chairman Skowronski indicated that this proposal has the possibility of being a catalyst for the area.

Motion made (Kerr) and seconded (Oleson) to recommend approval of the concept to the Common Council. Upon Roll Call vote (requested by Chairman Skowronski) the motion carried with Chairman Skowronski and Commissioners Burac-Englert, Hintz, Karolewicz, Kerr, Oleson and Michlig voting "Aye" and Commissioner Haselow voting "Noe." Ayes (7), Noes (1).

B. Update on ICSC-REC on Conference regarding Gateway to Milwaukee/Aerotropolis

Chairman Skowronski presented information relating to his trip (at his personal expense) to Las Vegas to spend time in the Gateway to Milwaukee booth at the ICSC-REC conference. He reported that there was lots of interest in the available land in Franklin. Commissioner Michlig noted that the flyer handed out still had former Economic Development Director Doug Wheaton's e-mail address on it and wondered what happened if an email was sent there. Response was that it was directed to the City Administrator for handling. Commissioner Oleson suggested that Franklin really needs a Director of Economic Development. As that suggestion was off the agenda, Commissioner Michlig suggested that the topic be placed on a future EDC agenda. No action taken.

C. 27th Street Steering Committee Report

In Alderman Olson's absence, Assistant City Attorney Sajdak provided a brief update in the 27th Street Steering Committee's activities. No action taken.

D. Trail Committee Report

Commissioner Michlig announced that Franklin worked on a \$1,000 mini-grant it had applied for. He then provided follow-up on the Walking Workshop that was held. Finally, he indicated that the Bike Rodeo was coming up and that the Trails committee was researching private funding sources for its goals and projects. No action taken.

E. Chairman's Report on Business Activities in Franklin

Chairman Skowronski indicated that there was little new activity to report. No action taken.

V. Next Meeting Date – June 28, 2010

It was announced that the next meeting date would be June 28, 2010.

VI. Adjournment

Motion made (Hintz) and seconded (Kerr) to adjourn the May 25, 2010 Economic Development Commission meeting. Motion carried: Ayes (8), Noes (0).