

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 18, 2017
4:00 PM
Field Operations Building

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Others Present:
Ted Johnson	Jason Brooks	Pete Olson
Matt Anderson		Todd Blevins
Keith Gary		Courtney Zaugg, Veridus
Patti Decker		Rich Lee
Brad Bookout		Erin Hurley
		Diana Thornburg

Keith Gary called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. All members except Jason Brooks were present. Brad Bookout moved to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2017 meeting. Second by Matt Anderson. All members present voted aye.

Old Business:

Veridus Update

Courtney Zaugg gave an update of progress on the downtown redevelopment project. She will email a draft to the steering committee the week of May 29. Things are on target for completion by the end of June. They have had five interviews and focus groups this week. There is another workshop scheduled for June 20 following the Chamber of Commerce meeting. There is also a developer and investor roundtable coming up.

Pete Olson discussed projects the Town has already done using the information from the Hyatt/Palma studies such as the splash pad, the façade grant program, and connection to Morrow's Meadow. Rich Lee added that Hyatt/Palma started the process and Veridus and Context have used that information as stepping stones. He also stated that it is not the government's job to be in business. Matt Anderson, who has been in the restaurant business for years, stated that a brand will do a market study and traffic count in a new market area and will deny a franchise request if they feel the brand will fail. Courtney Zaugg suggested publishing a checklist of improvements that have happened in Yorktown since the Hyatt/Palma study for public relations purposes.

New Business:

Façade Grant Request

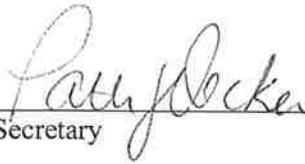
Dan Kreitl of Kreitl Property Group LLC submitted an application and supporting documents for a façade grant for the apartment building he has purchased located at 9124 W. Smith Street. The improvements include painting the exterior and awnings, new mailboxes, additional exterior lights, and new signage. The total cost of the project is \$21,400 which would be covered at 50% by the grant. Pete Olson has received verification from First Merchants Bank that Mr. Kreitl has sufficient funds available to cover his portion of the project cost. There was a discussion about the sign colors and name of the building.

Brad Bookout moved to approve \$10,700 in façade grant funds for the project subject to changes to the sign and name of the building. Second by Patti Decker. All members present voted aye.

Brad Bookout asked about finishing the sidewalk along Tiger Drive near 5 Tool Academy. Pete Olson responded that the sidewalk could not be handicapped accessible due to grade so INDOT will not allow us to finish that portion.

The next Redevelopment Commission meeting will be June 15, 2017 at 4:00 pm at the Field Operations Building.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.


Secretary


President