Town of Georgetown, Indiana Redevelopment Commission Meeting Minutes November 20, 2023 5:30 P.M.

Roll Call

Members in Attendance: Ben Stocksdale, Kim Courtney, Brandon Hopf, and Connie Baugh. Also attending was Haley James, Kristi Fox, and Reny Keener.

Members not in attendance: Jason Parrish and Barbara Pullen

Approval of Minutes

Brandon Hopf made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2023, meeting. Seconded by Ben Stocksdale and approved 3-0.

New Business

RDC Secretary Pay Increase

Haley James has asked the Board to consider increasing the secretary's pay to \$400.00 a month regardless of whether there is a meeting or not. The Redevelopment Commission secretary currently receives \$50.00 per meeting. Haley James types all the meeting minutes, prepares meeting packets, and assists citizens with façade grant applications. The secretary will need to submit a time sheet showing her hours every month.

Kim Courtney made a motion to approve increasing the Redevelopment Commission Secretary's pay to \$400.00 a month, contingent upon time sheets submitted for meetings and to be paid monthly, regardless of if there's a meeting. Seconded by Ben Stocksdale and approved 3-0.

Final Approval of Façade Grant for Justin Juhasz

Reny Keener would like final approval from the board for this application. At Octobers meeting the board approved this Façade application contingent upon a notarized letter from the property owner and a better breakdown of materials and labor costs. The applicant has submitted these items, and the board has reviewed them.

Ben Stocksdale made a motion to give the final approval for Justin Juhasz's Façade grant. Seconded by Brandon Hope and approved 3-0.

Façade Grant for 8401 St. Rd. 64 - Cooks Marine

Jennifer Henderson is the applicant on behalf of her brother who is the property owner. She has turned in a Façade grant application for this building to replace the roof. She plans to repair the roof then start repairs on the inside.

Ben Stocksdale made a motion to approve the Façade grant application for 8401 St. Rd. 64 for a total of \$10,000.00 to be reimbursed. Seconded by Brandon Hope and approved 3-0.

Façade Grant Application for 9085 High Street- Billy and Stephanie Coakley

Billy and Stephanie Coakley are in attendance tonight to answer any questions about their application. They would like to add a car port and black top their driveway.

Ben Stocksdale made a motion to approve the Façade grant application for 9085 High Street contingent upon receipts to be submitted from materials purchased. The materials cost reinburment will be \$8,550.00 including an additional \$500 for labor bringing the total reinburment to \$9,050.00. Seconded by Kim Courtney and approved 3-0.

Reny Keener – Executive Director- Resolution RDC-R-23-02 – A Resolution of the Redevelopment Commission for the Hiring of an Executive Director

This item was originally discussed at the August meeting. Kristi Fox has drafted a resolution for this item. Kristi Fox asks the board to clarify when the pay starts, if it is retroactive from the August meeting or from this meeting forward. All board members agree to start the Executive Directors pay from August 21, 2023. Reny Keener will submit a monthly time sheet, with hours and details on items worked. He is required to work a minimum of 5 hours. This will need to be added to the annual report. Ben Stocksdale made a motion to approve Resolution RDC-R-23-02, A Resolution of the Redevelopment Commission for the Hiring of an Executive Director. Seconded by Kim Courtney and approved 3-0.

Reny Keener- Executive Director Report

Reny Keener has met with Savor this Catering. They are located in Town, and the owner would be interested in a facade application for signage. They plan to apply for a facade grant in the next few months. Reny Keener will be drafting a letter to send to about 5/6 homeowners on 64 regarding the sidewalk project. The completed Facade grant yard signs have been completed. Reny Keener has been working with the County and they have shown interest in helping with our Pitch Competition. They would like to create an Edwardsville-Georgetown Gateway, to help bring restaurants to the area.

Misc. Business

John Beams- Destination Georgetown

Destination Georgetown has submitted their expense report for the new Welcome to Georgetown sign. They are looking into options for adding another sign to the West end of Town. Destination Georgetown will be hosting a round table event for small businesses. This will start in January 2024 and will be once a month. This event will be held at the Spot from 11:30A.M-1:00 P.M.

Adjournment

Kim Courtney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Brandon Hopf and approved 3-0.

Minutes Approved By:

Ben Stocksdale

Kim Courtney

Brandon Hopf

Jason Parrish

Joanne Just

ATTEST:

Haley James, Secretary