

TOWN OF GRIFFITH
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Redevelopment Commission President Rich Leber called the February 3, 2016 meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Griffith YMCA, 201 N. Broad Street, Griffith, Indiana.

ROLL CALL

Robert Kurtz, present
Rich Leber, present
Rich Miller, present
Susan Schaub, present
Don Wiltfong, present

ALSO ATTENDING

George Jerome, Clerk Treasurer
Rick Ryfa, Griffith Town Council
Gus Parianos, Economic Development Commission
Jeff Bridges, Economic Development Commission
Tom Wichlinski - Economic Development Commission
Mr. & Mrs. Korelis
David Austgen - Austgen, Kuiper & Jasatis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commission member Don Wiltgong motioned to approve the minutes from the January 2016 meeting, seconded by Rich Miller. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

- Claims – H. J. Umbaugh & Associates for \$3514.00 for professional services through November 17, 2015. Motion to approve by Susan Schaub, seconded by Robert Kurtz. All in favor, motion carried.
- Claims – Becky Lamberta for \$90.00 for Recording Secretary stipend for January 2016 & February 2016. Motion to approve by Susan Schaub, seconded by Robert Kurtz. All in favor, motion carried.
- Claims - Austgen, Kuiper & Jasitis for \$83.75 for legal services. Motion to approve by Susan Schaub, seconded by Robert Kurtz. All in favor, motion carried.

LEGAL REPRESENTATION

AK&J submitted an Attorney-Client Agreement to represent the Griffith RDC for the calendar year 2016. Motion to approve by Don Wiltfong, seconded by Robert Kurtz. All in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- No updates on inquiries for Broad St/Lake Street Property.
- Andy's Body Shop update: Rick Ryfa, Town Council President to follow up in a month.
- Golf Course - Engineering Company was on site in the last 30 days to test ground soil. Engineering company finished 1st phase of boring and should take 30-40 days to finish and be ready to submit in July 2016 to the Army Corp of Engineers.
- Redevelopment Commission Members met on January 18, 2016 to discuss the 2016 Façade Program and potential reimbursement and grant amounts.

Outstanding and Updated items from January 2016/past meetings:

- Edward Jones Investments signed a lease in GriffLand Plaza. A Facade Application was sent to new Owner. This application has not been returned.
- Rich Leber and Rick Ryfa met with the owners of E-motors to review potential Façade Grant monies for the property. Metal frame and door and glass replacements were in progress at the main entrance vestibule at the time of the meeting. Owners reported that bids to complete wall repairs, wall cleaning and painting and storefront and underside marquee repairs is scheduled to commence when the weather breaks; pricing is still being solicited for the work. RDC tentatively pledged grant support if all code violations are repaired completely. There is a March 1st, 2016 deadline for work to be completed.
- Barcades/Restaurant is working with Engineer/Architect. A Facade Application was sent to new Owner. There has been no action at this time due to sprinkler issues.
- A 2016 Façade Application was given to the Automotive Repair Shop at the corner of Cline Avenue and Ridge Road as the Owner of the business is interested in re-painting the outer façade.

Current Griffith Businesses interested in the 2016 Façade/Grant Program

Chartuerie Cheese and Meats opening in Spring 2016 for carry-out only.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

Study Session

A Study session for the 2016 Façade Program took place on January 18, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. A 2016 Façade Program Outline was not approved and has been extended to March 15, 2016 with changes to be made.

The 2016 Program concentrates on Signage Placement/Replacement at existing and new businesses in town.

AK&J provided the RDC and Town Treasurer with a spreadsheet for the TIF Allocation Area that requires clarifications from AK&J.

There being no further business, Commission member Rich Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m., seconded by Don Wiltfong. All in favor, motion carried.

Rich Leber, President

Don Wiltfong, Secretary

Beverly Lamberta, Recording Secretary