

Edinburgh, Indiana Redevelopment Commission Meeting

Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2015

Ted Lucas, President of the Commission, called the membership roll.

Members:	Present	Absent
Ted Lucas – President	X	
Karen Fitzpatrick		X
Bill West	X	
John Rondot – Secretary	X	
Ray Walton		X
Cathy Hamm		X

Other Attendees:

Dustin Huddleston, Edinburgh Town Attorney
 Ron Hoffman, Edinburgh Town Council President
 Dawn Graham, Edinburgh Town Council Member
 Kami Ervin, Edinburgh Town Council Member

First Order of Business – Approval of Minutes from January 2, 2015 Commission Organizational Meeting

Comments: No discussion

Bill West made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. John Rondot seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Second Order of Business – Commission Duties

Ted Lucas and Ron Hoffman, Town Council President, had a recent discussion about the duties of the Commission. This discussion was prompted by a suggestion at the January 2, 2015 Commission Organizational Meeting.

Ron Hoffman said that the Commission is crucial for Edinburgh and he expects the Commission to work with the Town Council on 'Projects' for the betterment of Edinburgh. Ron said that he realizes that without funding, the Commission has been limited in what it can accomplish. He stated that the Commission would have funding in the future as Tax Abatement Rebates will be assigned to the Commission once they are received. The expectation is that the Rebates will begin in 2016.

Ron stated that with funds available to the Commission, he expects the Town Council and the Commission to jointly identify items for the Commission to work on. Ron suggested that the Commission review the Edinburgh Comprehensive Plan for project ideas. He noted that during the Council Meeting earlier in the evening, a member of the public suggested that way-finding signs are needed for the major locations in town (Post Office, Schools, Town Hall, etc.). Ron said that these are the types of activities he believes the Commission can address.

Third Order of Business – Town Clean-up Discussion

Ted Lucas stated that the Commission has had re-curing discussions about possible town clean-up ideas. He asked John Rondot to explain in some detail an idea that John had mentioned at the January 2, 2015 Commission Organizational Meeting.

John explained that his idea was to raise the awareness of the litter problem and to involve as many of the citizens as possible in the clean-up campaign. He especially wants to involve the children through a Poster Contest conducted in the schools. John's suggested theme is "Keep Edinburgh Neat" with a character named "KEN" doing the clean-up work. John suggests a "Don't Pass It Up – Pick It Up" message be one of the major themes of the campaign. John suggests that the Poster Contest be in 3 sections – grades K-5; grades 6-8; and grades 9-12 with monetary awards for the first and second place in each section.

John explained that 'Adopt-A-Street' could be a facet of the campaign and suggested that individuals, schools, community groups, churches, etc. could adopt an area for litter removal. Bill West noted that groups like 'Lend-A-Hand Club' are noted for their service to the community and might become involved in a clean-up effort.

John explained that there will be some expense to the campaign in the form of additional trash receptacles, the monetary prizes for the Poster Contest, Adopt-A-Street signage, etc. Possible expenses are not known at this point.

Ron Hoffman and Kami Ervin stated that the Town Council is open to ideas and will support the campaign. Ron suggested that John Rondot put his ideas on paper and bring them to a future Town Council Meeting for discussion.

Bill West noted that in order to move the Poster Contest idea forward, John Rondot would have to contact the School Superintendent and the Principals at the schools.

John Rondot mentioned the 'yellow bags' being thrown about town. If the residents don't pick them up, they become unsightly litter. Bill West said that he believed they are from 'The Republic' newspaper. John Rondot said that he would contact the newspaper to discuss. John stated that we might need an ordinance to prohibit distribution other than on porches.

Fourth Order of Business – Timbergate Financials

Ted Lucas has asked that Wayne Gibbs, Timbergate Course Manager, to provide regular financial reports for the Commission. Ron Hoffman stated that Wayne will be giving his regular financial update to the Town Council at its January 26, 2015 meeting and that copies of Wayne's reports will be made available to the Commission on an on-going basis.

Fifth Order of Business – Open Discussion

Ron Hoffman stated that he has not been a regular attendee at the Commission meetings since he believes that the Commission needs to operate autonomously from the Town Council. He stated, however, that he is very interested in the work of the Commission and will attend any of the Commission meetings where his attendance is requested. He encourages the Commission and the Council to work closely.

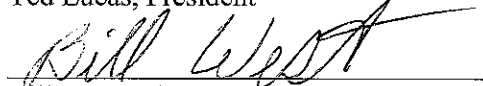
Ted Lucas thanked the Council members for attending the meeting.

Adjournment:

John Rondot made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill West seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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Ted Lucas, President


Bill West, Vice President

Ray Walton, Member

Karen Fitzpatrick, Member

ATTEST:


John Rondot, Secretary