

VALPARAISO REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2020

The regular meeting of the Valparaiso Redevelopment Commission was called to order at 4:56 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2020. Rob Thorgren presided.

Members present: Rob Thorgren, Evan Costas, Trish Sarkisian, Rick Urschel and Tim Bucher. Also present were City Attorney Patrick Lyp, Redevelopment Director, Brandon Dickinson, Director Emeritus, Stu Summers, Director of Engineering, Mike Jabo, Project and Facility Management Director, Don McGinley. Members of the public were also present.

ITEM #1-MINUTES:

Mr. Thorgren reported copies of the May 14, 2020 regular meeting minutes were distributed to members for their review prior to the meeting. After reviewing the minutes, all seemed in order. Mr. Thorgren recommended their approval.

Motion: Ms. Sarkisian motioned to approve the May 14, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Urschel seconded. A voice vote was unanimously carried.

ITEM #2 -CLAIMS REGISTER AND FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Dickinson reported that the Commission was sent the June 11, 2020 Claims Register and May 2020 Financial Report prior to the meeting. He noted all is in order with the largest expenditure being the annual rent to Garmong. Mr. Dickinson recommended approval.

Motion: Mr. Urschel motioned to approve the June Claims Register, and the May Financial Report. Ms. Sarkisian seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimously carried.

ITEM #3-LISTING AGREEMENT FOR GARMONG BUILDING

Mr. Dickinson reported the listing agreement with Matt Evans, Broker/Team Owner with RE/MAX Lifestyles for the Garmong shell building, is up for renewal. Mr. Evans gave a brief presentation to the board. Mr. Dickinson stated that Mr. Evans and his team have done a good job marketing the building and bringing in prospects. He recommended extending Mr. Evans' contract for another year.

Motion: Ms. Sarkisian motioned to approve extending the contract with Mr. Evans' and his team at RE/MAX Lifestyles to continue marketing the Garmong shell building for one additional year. Mr. Urschel seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimously carried.

ITEM #4-LEVY LEASE EXTENSION:

Mr. Dickinson requested an extension of the lease agreement for Edw. C. Levy Co. at 360 S. Campbell St. Mr. Dickinson stated he discussed this with Journeyman and they gave their approval.

Motion: Ms. Sarkisian motioned to approve extending the lease agreement with Edw. C. Levy Co. Mr. Urschel seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimously carried.

ITEM #5-ACQUISITION OF 301 JEFFERSON ST.

Mr. Dickinson explained that the vacant building located at 301 Jefferson Street has gone before Vicki Thrasher for code enforcement issues. He indicated the Redevelopment Commission would like to acquire the building.

Motion: Mr. Urschel motioned to accept and approve the purchase of the vacant building located at 301 Jefferson St. Ms. Sarkisian seconded. A voice vote was unanimously carried.

ITEM #6-ANY OTHER ITEMS

Mr. McGinley stated that the security cameras at the Garmong shell building are installed and working.

ITEM #7-PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ITEM #8-ADJOURNMENT:

Staff said they had no further items for the Commission's consideration. Ms. Sarkisian motioned to adjourn the meeting with Mr. Costas seconding. A voice vote was unanimously carried. The June 11, 2020 Redevelopment Commission meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Trish Sarkisian, Secretary