

**KNOX REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022 AT 4:30 P.M.**

The Knox Redevelopment Commission met in regular session at the Knox City Hall on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 4:30 PM CST, with the following members present: Board Members Jeff Berg, Marcia Hayes, Marsha Boggs, Nathan Bradley, Mary Lynn Ritchie and Mike Estok (via phone). Others present: Mayor Dennis Estok, City Attorney Autumn Ferch.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR 11/22/2022

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed to the Board Members prior to the meeting for their review. Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Marcia Hayes to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Five (5) ayes and (0) nays.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2022

President – Jeff Berg - Nominated by Marcia Hayes
Vice President – Marcia Hayes – Nominated by Marsha Boggs
Secretary – Mary Lynn Ritchie – Nominated by Marsha Boggs
All nominations passed with five (5) ayes and (0) nays.

DISCUSSION OF PAY FOR RDC BOARD MEMBERS

Mayor Estok checked with other municipalities and their policies, and most RDC boards are paid. Decision was made to pay members \$50.00 per meeting that they attend, and the payment to each board member would be at the end of the year. Motion made by Marsha Boggs, seconded by Nathan Bradley. Motion passed with five (5) ayes and (0) nays.

2022 RDC MEETING SCHEDULE

The RDC will meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. Motion made by Marcia Hayes, seconded by Nathan Bradley. Motion passed with five (5) ayes and (0) nays.

DOWNTOWN TREE PROGRAM

Jeff Berg discussed the downtown tree project. Jeff has been meeting with Mitch Thompson and Phil Woolery on this program. Jeff presented the 8 types of trees that were researched. They will be placed in planters that are already in place in the downtown area. Some will be done this year, some planted next year. The business owner will be contacted and be included in the decision of type of tree in front of their business. The public will also be consulted. The city will do the maintenance of the trees.

FAÇADE PROGRAM

After discussion, it was decided that Peg (Mayor's office) will create an application based on the City of Laporte's model. The public will be notified of the program via letters and at city meetings. The applicant will get his own estimates and proposed work and include that information with the application. We will start with \$75,000; 5 applicants will get \$15,000 each towards the project cost. They will have to match 20% of the grant they are awarded. After the first five (5), more applications will be considered. Peg will email members when application is completed, and we will move forward with the plan.

Motion made by Nathan Bradley, seconded by Mike Estok. Motion passed with five (5) ayes and (0) nays.

