

RESOLUTION NO. 3369

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING
GREG DOWNES FOR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE TO THE
SOUTH BEND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Greg Downes has been a member of the Redevelopment Commission of the City of South Bend since 2005; and

WHEREAS, during his time with the Commission Greg has had leadership roles in the areas of business assistance, tax abatement, public finance and economic development; and

WHEREAS, Greg was responsible for establishment of the Douglas Road Economic Development Area, River West Development Area, River East Development Area, the Northeast Neighborhood Development Area, the Northeast Neighborhood Residential TIF district, and for combining the Sample-Ewing Development Area with the Airport Economic Development Area; and

WHEREAS, Greg played a leading role in negotiating through the details of many important projects such as AJ Wright, the Renaissance District, Data Realty, Nello, Noble Americas, the South Bend Career Academy, and Eddy Street Commons; and

WHEREAS, Greg played a key role in securing a Certified Technology Park designation for Ignition Park and Innovation Park and has served as the Redevelopment Commission's representative to the Blackthorn Owners' Association; and

WHEREAS, Greg's creative approach to funding resulted in a development plan to reconstruct Douglas Road from SR 23 to the Mishawaka city limits, and he has participated in and supported numerous studies and analysis of the downtown, resulting in millions of dollars of new investment; and

WHEREAS, Greg oversaw development of numerous projects such as South Bend Chocolate Café, WNIT, Coveleski Park, Environmental Health Labs, Portage Prairie, Huttsfield Square, Tire Rack, Gibbs Wire, Tech Data, Ignition Park, Century Center, Erskine Plaza, Erskine Commons, Ireland Road improvements, Main-Lafayette Corridor, Oliver Plow Industrial Park, the KeyBank renovation, East Race Townhomes and River Race Town Homes, the Veterans Administration Clinic, Memorial Home Care, Brown Mackie College, River Front Liquor District, the new downtown Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, Renovation of the former Natatorium, Hansel Center, Rushton, Hotel LaSalle, American Bank & Trust Place and Smart Streets; and

WHEREAS, Greg has always been a patient, steady, and reliable source of objective information with facts and figures that have allowed the Commission to make sound decisions without the sometimes emotional reaction to what is politically popular at the time; and

WHEREAS, Greg has never forgotten the public that he serves, giving unselfishly of his time for the betterment of the community with no concern for individual honor or recognition; and

WHEREAS, Greg has decided the time is right to pursue other endeavors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Bend Redevelopment Commission hereby recognizes Greg Downes for his extraordinary commitment and distinguished service to the South Bend Redevelopment Commission and the City of South Bend; thanks him for the outstanding contributions he has made; and declares it will sincerely miss his diligent work and his presence at future meetings.

ADOPTED at a meeting of the South Bend Redevelopment Commission held on December 15, 2016, at 1308 County-City Building, 227 W. Jefferson Boulevard, South Bend, Indiana 46601.

SOUTH BEND REDEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION

By: _____
Marcia I. Jones, President

ATTEST:

Donald E. Inks, Secretary