



South Bend  
**Redevelopment Commission**  
 227 West Jefferson Boulevard, Room 1308, South Bend, IN

**SOUTH BEND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
 REGULAR MEETING**

January 14, 2020  
 9:30 a.m.  
 Presiding: Marcia Jones, President

<https://tinyurl.com/RDC011421>  
 South Bend, Indiana

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Members Present:	Marcia Jones, President Don Inks, Vice-President Quentin Phillips, Secretary Troy Warner, Commissioner Leslie Wesley, Commissioner	
Members Absent:	Jake Teshka, Commissioner	
Legal Counsel:	Sandra Kennedy, Esq.	
Redevelopment Staff:	David Relos, RDC Staff Mary Brazinsky, Board Secretary	
Others Present:	Daniel Buckenmeyer Amanda Pietsch Elizabeth Maradik Tim Corcoran Andrew Netter Charlotte Brach Jordan Gathers Eli Wax Conrad Damian	DCI DCI DCI DCI DCI DCI Engineering Mayor's Office Council Member Resident

## 2. Approval of Minutes

- **Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Thursday, December 10, 2020**

Upon a motion by Secretary Phillips, seconded by President Jones, the motion carried unanimously, the Commission approved the minutes of the regular meeting December 10, 2020 submitted on Thursday, January 14, 2021.

## 3. Approval of Claims

- **Claims Submitted for December 15, 2020, December 22, 2020, December 29, 2020, and January 12, 2021**

Upon a motion by Vice-President Inks, seconded by Commissioner Warner, the motion carried unanimously, the Commission approved the claims for December 15, 2020, December 22, 2020, December 29, 2020, and January 12, 2021 submitted on Thursday, January 14, 2021.

## 4. Old Business

## 5. New Business

### A. RDC General Fund

#### 1. Budget Request (CDFI)

Mr. Donoghue presented Budget Request (CDFI). This Budget Request is for the final disbursement of funds in supporting CDFI Friendly South Bend. This funding request is in the amount of \$270k for professional services for the ongoing regional economic recovery efforts. This fund helps to strengthen the community and improve the economic conditions of its lower income residents by assisting CDFI's and other organizations to provide low-cost, affordable financing for housing, job development, charitable and educational services.  
<https://www.cdfifriendllysouthbend.org/> Commission approval is requested.

Commissioner Warner asked for a brief summary of what CDFI Friendly South Bend has been doing.

Mr. Donoghue states in 2020 they were able to finalize their board creation. This will be a locally driven project. The board members have expertise in housing or business financing. The past year they have worked closely with the City in partnering with Axion out of Chicago to deploy the emergency loan program. We have also been able to help several other CDFI programs in our region. They are working to source deals and bring them into South Bend by providing lending. There is a 60-page outline documenting what they will be covering including the enhancement fund on page 20. These will be for housing, finance, and small business finance.

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Upon a motion by Commissioner Warner, seconded by Secretary Phillips, the motion carried unanimously, the Commission approved Budget Request (CDFI) submitted on Thursday, January 14, 2021

### **B. Administrative**

#### **1. Mortgage Release (Sharp)**

Ms. Maradik presented Mortgage Release (Sharp). This mortgage release is related to the South Bend Home Repair Program that was part loan and part grant. The grantee has paid of the total and we would like to release the mortgage. Commission approval is requested.

Upon a motion by Vice-President Inks, seconded by Commissioner Warner, the motion carried unanimously, the Commission Mortgage Release (Sharp) submitted on Thursday, January 14, 2020.

#### **2. Resolution No. 3528 (Meeting Schedule 2021)**

Mr. Relos presented Resolution No. 3528 (Meeting Schedule 2021). This is the annual Resolution to set the meeting schedule for 2021. The meetings will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday's unless indicated. At this time the meetings will take place via Microsoft Teams. When the County/City Building opens up they will continue in the Board of Public Works Conference Room at 9:30 a.m. Commission approval is requested.

Upon a motion by Vice-President Inks, seconded by Secretary Phillips, the motion carried unanimously, the Commission Resolution No. 3528 (Meeting Schedule 2021) submitted on Thursday, January 14, 2020.

### **6. Progress Reports**

#### **A. Tax Abatement**

#### **B. Common Council**

1. Councilman Warner states that there is some shifting in committee appointments and some applications for appointments to various committees/commissions and we will see some new assignments. He has re-applied and hopes to get re-appointed to RDC.

He appreciates hearing the updates happening with the businesses from Mr. Buckenmeyer and is happy to see our efforts to area business that are struggling.

The Council continues to express the need for more activity especially along the westside. He is happy to report back to council that the approvals so far this year have been mainly on the westside. He thanks everyone for their continued efforts.

#### **C. Other**

1. Mr. Buckenmeyer noted that we are aggressively working on the new Revolving Loan Fund. We have opened up the online pre-application. This will be a first come, first serve basis. These have great terms for businesses regarding terms and interest rates.

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2. We are working on a restaurant program which will provide relief to area restaurants.
3. A small business program will be opening up along the Sample Street corridor through an application process. More information to come in the near future.

**7. Next Commission Meeting:**

Thursday, February 11, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

**8. Adjournment**

Thursday, January 14, 9:55 a.m.

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David Relos, Property Development Manager

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Marcia Jones, President