

Ashland Redevelopment Authority Draft Minutes 6/6/18

Members in attendance: Sara Hines, Terry Hendrix, Brandi Kinsman.

Meeting opened at 6:34 pm

- ARA Dissolution Update
 - o Mr. Hendrix reported that the House bill (#3875) is awaiting 3rd reading in the legislature per Lisa Mead. Mr. Hendrix to contact the bill sponsor, Rep. Jack Lewis on a more detailed update and a possible timeline.
 - o Ms. Hines received forms for reappointment from Diane Mortensen. Ms. Hines would prefer not to go through process of Governor's reappointment.
 - o Mr. Hendrix to speak to Andrew Larracey to see if he was still interested in serving on ARA if necessary. We would need to decide if to include an article for spring Town Meeting warrant if the ARA was not dissolved by then.

- Property and Liability Insurance Update
 - o Property insurance for 125 Front St due on July 5th (approx \$500) and D&O policy (approx \$1,100)
 - o Mr. Hendrix to send check before July 4th

- Financial update
 - o Mr. Hendrix reviewed current financials. The Ashland Farmers Market payment for 2018 has not yet been received (due June 1st). Ms. Kinsman had spoken to Steve Mitchell and Steve was going to speak to Rob Moolenbeek. Mr. Hendrix had spoken to Mr. Moolenbeek as well and was told the check was in the mail. If the check hadn't arrived by the following Monday, Mr. Hendrix would follow up again.
 - o There was some discussion if the ARA might make a donation of any remaining cash in the account just prior to dissolution, rather than turning the cash over to the Town. Ideas talked about included the Ashland Emergency Fund, AEFI, Arts Alliance. The group decided to table the discussion until closer to dissolution. The ARA members did not have any additional comments on the financials.

- Farmers Market Update
 - o Ms. Kinsman had spoken to Steve Mitchell about the gazebo/bandstand that was placed at 125 Front Street without prior consultation or permission from the ARA. The bandstand was a donation from Dale Buchanan to the AFM in memory of his son. The bandstand is not a permanent structure and can be removed if necessary. Mr. Mitchell apologized profusely for the oversight in not obtaining prior permission from the ARA. The bandstand itself is beautiful and well-constructed.
 - o Mr. Hendrix shared information with Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Moolenbeek about Tom de Alemaida, an electrician that offered to wire the bandstand for the AFM.
 - o Ms. Kinsman motioned to keep the bandstand at 125 Front Street for the period of the contract with the Ashland Farmers Market. Ms. Hines seconded. Approved 3-0-0.

- 125 Front Street Land Options
 - o As per the approved article at Town Meeting in May 2017, the assets belonging to the ARA will be transferred to the Town of Ashland upon dissolution.

- The options for the group would be one of the following: 1) gift the property at 125 Front Street over to the Town in advance of the dissolution 2) look at options for potentially developing the property 3) do nothing and transfer the property to the town upon dissolutions
 - Discussion was tabled until the next meeting based on the outcome of Mr. Hendrix's discussion with Rep Jack Lewis about the status of the House bill.
- Next meeting set for Wednesday July 11th at 6:30pm
 - Motion to adjourn at 7:54 by Ms. Hines. Seconded by Mr. Hendrix. Voted 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by Brandi Kinsman