

MINUTES

CITIZENS BASEBALL STADIUM REVIEW COMMITTEE

PUBLIC WORKS CONFERENCE ROOM, THIRD FLOOR, CITY HALL

5:00 p.m., Thursday, September 3, 2009

APPROVED
9.29.09

Present: Eric Prior, Chair
Brenda Diggs, Vice Chair
Ron Bird, Member
Danny Freeman, Member
Dolores Hill, Member
Howard Hudson, Jr., Member
William (Bill) Kay, Member
J. Aubrey Kirby, Member
Mary Reynolds, Member
Gordon Slade, Member

Staff Present: Gregory M. Turner, Assistant City Manager
Lee D. Garrity, City Manager
Angela Carmon, City Attorney
Denise Bell, Chief Financial Officer
Martha Wheelock, Assistant City Manager
Jerry Kontos, Assistant City Attorney
Robert Prestwood, City Engineer
Robin M. Watson, Administrative Asst. to City Manager

Others Present: Media (WS Journal)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eric Prior at 5:00 pm. Chairman Prior called on Mr. Turner to brief the Committee about the potential new member. Mr. Turner stated a new member will be voted on by the City Council at their September 7 meeting.

Mr. Turner stated that the requested information from the Committee was included in their packages today. Denise Bell also passed out the financial information and explained the deal is still a work in progress at this point.

Chairman Prior asked the Committee for consideration of the minutes from the August 20 meeting. It was stated the minutes should be amended to include a statement that Dan Barrett resigned for reasons undisclosed. Howard Hudson made a motion to accept the minutes with the amended statement. Brenda Diggs seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Chairman Prior then asked the Committee to consider the minutes for the August 24-25 meeting. It was stated that Question 4 be rephrased to read: “Did you see any soft costs that could be classified as hard cost?” Ron Bird made a motion to accept the minutes with the additional language, and Bill Kay seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Chairman Prior stated he received several telephone calls and emails from Committee Members in regard to the added language he proposed to the first monthly report. He stated he should have stayed only with the facts of what the Committee is doing, what the Committee should be doing and what it had done instead of injecting some of his opinions. He asked the Committee Members if they would like to go through the report paragraph by paragraph for review and comments. After much discussion, it was agreed to use the City’s draft and implement additional language to clarify the Committee’s plan to review additional data. The consensus of the Committee was to make sure that all reports being given to the City Council are professional and consistent with other Committee reports.

The draft report was projected from a laptop onto a large screen so all the Committee Members could see the text. As members proposed changes, these were made by the City staff for review by the Committee. Once Committee Members were satisfied with the displayed text, Bill Kay made a motion to accept the final version of the September Report to the City Council as displayed on the screen. Ron Bird seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Chairman Prior asked Denise Bell to explain the Proforma in Closed Session at the next Committee Meeting. She agreed. Chairman Prior also asked Robin Watson to check with Committee members to find a date/time within the next few weeks for this meeting.

Questions raised:

- 1) When is the next projected closing date? Ans: Wednesday, September 8.
- 2) Does anyone know if the banks have released Flip from his responsibility? Ans: The City does not know this answer
- 3) Will other developers take Flip’s place? Ans: Yes, other partners/investors have stepped in to do so.

Ron Bird made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm and Brenda Diggs seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.