

**MINUTES OF
RENSELAER REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Monday, May 6th at 5:00 PM CT**

The Rensselaer Redevelopment Commission (RRC) held a meeting on Monday, May 6th. Commission President Smith called the meeting to order at 4:59 PM CT and requested Building Commissioner Davis to perform the roll call.

I. Roll Call

Present: President - Kevin Smith, Vice President - Estel George, Secretary - Jeff Webb, Commissioner - Bob Brenneman, Commissioner - Matt McAleer, School Board Rep - Janice Deno, City Attorney - Todd Sammons, and Building Commissioner - Joshua Davis.

Absent: Clerk-Treasurer - Shelby Keys

Guests: Mayor Phillips, Councilman Arnold, Councilman Rayburn, Adam Alson (Appleseed), Patti Lindahl (Appleseed), Zyan Miller (Appleseed), Stan Hains (PC & BZA), Christy Flemming (JCEDO), and Bob Schneck.

II. Swearing-In: Mayor Phillips swore-in Estel George to serve as a Commissioner for the 2024 calendar year since this was his first in-person meeting.

III. Previous Minutes

President Smith entertained a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the meeting held on April 1st, 2024. Motion made by Brenneman, seconded by McAleer. **Motion Passed**

IV. Claims

There were two claims before the RRC. The first was a claim from Kimley Horn for their continued construction management work on the Brick Streets Project. The second was the first payment to Grimmer Construction for the work on the Brick Streets. 70% of that payment will be reimbursed from the US EDA matching grant. Webb made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Brenneman. **Motion Passed**

V. Old Business

A. Appleseed Childcare Educational Funding Request

Mayor Phillips thanked Appleseed for providing the RRC with additional financials. He informed the RRC of his future plans to find a separate funding source for Appleseed but this year he is requesting the RRC again contribute an additional \$60k to Appleseed. \$60k was all the Educational funding remaining after making previous contributions to the RCSC (\$50k) and the Rensselaer Parks (\$25k). Motion to approve the \$60k contribution to Appleseed was made by McAleer, seconded by Webb. **Motion Passed**

VI. New Business

A. 470 N Cullen St Property

Building Commissioner Davis informed the Commission that he has been working with the property owner at the corner of Cullen and Clark. The owner was initially trying to redevelop the property but did not feel he would be able to complete the project. He expressed interest in selling the property. The property is located within the Drexel/Fairgrounds TIF Area. There was additional discussion about the condition of the property along with the steps needed for the RRC to proceed with purchasing it. President Smith made a motion for Davis to work with JCEDO to pursue purchasing the property, seconded by McAleer. **Motion Passed**

VII. Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Commission, Brenneman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Webb. **Motion Passed.** Meeting adjourned at 5:12 PM CT.

Next Meeting: Tentatively, June 3rd, 2024 at 5:00 PM CT

Minutes Prepared by: Joshua Davis, Building Commissioner