



Burrillville Redevelopment Agency Regular Meeting Minutes November 22, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: James A. Langlois, Chairman, Jeffrey Barr, Vice-Chairman, Edward Bonczek, Mark Thompson, Renay McLeish, George J. Lough III (alt voting)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Gerald Lapierre (alt).

STAFF/CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Michael C. Wood, Secretary, Dennis Anderson, Town Council Liaison, Ray Goff, Planning Director, Nicole Stockwell, Administrative Aide.

STAFF/CONSULTANTS ABSENT: Timothy F. Kane, Esq., General Legal Counsel

OTHERS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Langlois called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of minutes of the October 25, 2022 Meeting, and to dispense with the reading of said minutes.

Voted to approve the October 25, 2022 minutes. Motion by Mark Thompson. Seconded by Renay McLeish. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT: None.

INVOICES/BILLS:

Discussion, consideration and action relative to invoice from Pascoag Utility District for electric service at Pole #15, Pascoag Main St. from 9/28/2022 to 10/27/2022 to be received and filed.

Voted to receive and file the Pascoag Utility District invoice for electric service at Pole #15, Pascoag Main St. from 9/28/2022 to 10/27/22 in the amount of \$18.85. Motion by Chairman Langlois. Seconded by Mark Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion, consideration and action relative to invoice from Pascoag Utility District for water at 75-81 Pascoag Main St. on 9/19/2022 to 10/27/2022 to be received and filed.

Voted to receive and file the Pascoag Utility District for water at 75-81 Pascoag Main St. from 9/19/2022 to 10/27/2022 in the amount of \$49.02. Motion by Chairman Langlois. Seconded by Vice Chairman Barr. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSULTANT/ STAFF REPORTS:

Discussion, consideration and action relative to financial reports including budgets and audits, or take any other action thereon.

Report from subcommittee on future financial reports and year-end audit information.

Renay McLeish reviewed the financial summary reports. Future reports will be limited in scope, but will contain necessary financial information.

Voted to receive and file financial reports. Motion by Chairman Langlois. Seconded by Vice Chairman Barr. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion, consideration and action relative to progress report for Fountain Square Park in Pascoag, or take any other action thereon.

Chairman Langlois stated that masonry work to include pavers, walls, planters and setting of the fountain base will be complete by December 2022. Fountain and band shell installation targeted for spring 2023. Pascoag Subcommittee to explore and plan event ideas to build tourism and business and a spring event tied to the grand opening of Fountain Square Park.

Voted to approve the purchase of a "Coming Spring 2023 Fountain Square Park 3" sign. Motion by Renay McKeish. Seconded by Vice Chairman Barr. Motion carried unanimously.

Voted to authorize Chairman Langlois to spend up to \$300 on a "Coming Spring 2023 Fountain Square Park" sign. Motion by Renay McLeish. Seconded by Mark Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion, consideration and action relative to the Bravo Brewery deck expansion in Pascoag, or take any other action thereon.

Secretary Wood stated that DPW director Jeff McCormick received three bids and all are well above budget. Director McCormick will bundle this project with other municipal projects going out to bid in 2023 in an attempt to secure lower bids. Secretary Wood noted that if the deck project is not economically feasible, there might be other pending projects to consider such as assisting with the kitchen buildout.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion, consideration and action relative to the updated 2023 Schedule of Meetings to be approved or take any other action thereon.

Voted to approve. Motion by Chairman Langlois. Seconded by Vice Chairman Barr. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion, consideration and action relative to Application of Cannabis Licensing in redevelopment districts and areas, or take any other action thereon.

Agency discussed the recently passed referendum allowing (with license) the sale and distribution of recreational marijuana in Burrillville. Members expressed their concern about the potential increase in traffic and production odor should a cannabis grow facility and/or distribution center open in town. Agency members were in agreement that they would like to prohibit cultivation and distribution in redevelopment districts. Planner Goff offered a brief overview of the current ordinance and suggested Tim Kane and Bill Dimitri offer their legal recommendations on how provisions could be written to restrict distribution in the redevelopment zones. Currently, distribution of medical marijuana is currently allowed in GC (general commercial) and I, LI and HI zones (industrial, light and heavy industrial). Grow facilities are allowed in industrial zones. Planner Goff stated there are two options, revise the current ordinance or create a new separate ordinance in order to cover cultivation and distribution of medical **and** recreational marijuana. Planner Goff reminded the agency members that a draft of revisions and/or new ordinance would have to go before the Planning Board and Town Council for consideration and approval. The agency may want to provide formal input for those public processes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Receive and file one year Lease Extension from Natural Resource Service, Inc., 180 Tinkham Ln.

Voted to receive and file. Motion by Chairman Langlois. Seconded by Vice Chairman Barr. Motion carried unanimously.

Receive and file Supplemental Lease Extension from Art Box Studios, LLC, 180 Tinkham Ln., Tenant 2.

Voted to receive and file. Motion by Chairman Langlois. Seconded by Mark Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

Receive and file Application for New Retail License Class B (v) New Victualing License to Sell Beverages on a Deck or Patio from Samane Enterprise LLC d/b/a Thai Wok Pascoag Street Food, located at 98 Pascoag Main St. (Map 175/Lot 040).

Voted to receive and file. Motion by Chairman Langlois. Seconded by Renay McLeish. Motion carried unanimously.

NOTICES: Chairman Langlois noted there is no Agency meeting in December 2022. The Annual BRA meeting will be held February 28 at 7:00 pm followed by the Regular BRA meeting at 7:15 pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURN:

Voted to adjourn at 7:45p.m. Motion by Chairman Langlois. Seconded by Renay McLeish. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael Wood, Secretary M. Wood Date 1/25/2023

Date filed with Town Clerk: JAN 25 2023 mm