

FORWARD NEW RICHMOND
January 3, 2019
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m.

Roll call was taken.

Members Present: Summer Seidenkranz, Heather McAbee, Mike Montello, Karl Skoglund, Tom Mews, Susan Lockwood, Paul Mayer, Rob Kreibich

Members Absent: Cathy Longtin

Others Present: Beth Thompson, Mike Darrow, Rae Ann Ailts, Noah Wiedenfeld, Lori Brinkman

Mike Montello moved to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Heather McAbee, and carried.

Tom Mews moved to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting dated October 17, 2018, seconded by Rob Kreibich, and carried.

FNR Goals & Direction for 2019

Summer Seidenkranz met with each of the FNR members individually over the past two months to gather feedback on FNR. Mike Montello stated there has been a gap in expectations between the FNR members and the City Council. In the beginning stages of FNR, the City Council expected that FNR would spend more time dealing with Business Applications, which hasn't been the case. These items will be discussed as they come along but won't be every month. Beth Thompson explained that some businesses approach the City for information and ask that their inquiries be kept confidential. These cannot be shared with FNR, City Council, or anyone else. FNR members would like as much notice as possible before a press release (or similar item) is sent out to the public so they can be adequately prepared to answer questions from residents and business owners. Discussion followed.

Summer outlined FNR goals for 2019:

1. Development and Redevelopment
2. Business Support
3. Marketing New Richmond
4. Livability

These items will be discussed in more detail at the January 18, 2019, meeting.

Roberts Rules will also be discussed at the January 18 meeting.

Business Updates

- The sale of the City's Parks building will take place on January 9, 2019.
- Phillips Medisize is expanding their business with a 10,500 sq. ft. addition.
- Ron Radeke's two buildings on North Knowles Avenue have been removed. Construction will begin on the new building as weather permits.
- Oevering Homes has submitted plans for doubling their building size. This will go to the Plan Commission in February.
- Beth continues to work on finding a full-time building inspector.

- Noah outlined the anticipated next steps for the Beebe building and the former Dairy Queen property:
 - Staff is drafting a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) - January
 - Interviews of RFQ Applicants - February
 - Public Engagement Opportunities
 - Formal Request for Proposals
 - Development Agreements for both properties

Lori Brinkman will forward the draft RFQs to the FNR group today. Tom Mews and Karl Skoglund have volunteered to review the RFQs and offer feedback to Lori by next Wednesday (1/9/19) at noon.

Closed Session

Mike Montello moved to go into closed session per State Statute 19.85 (1)(e) to discuss the Sale of Land in TIF #5, seconded by Paul Mayer and carried.

Open Session

Paul Mayer moved to recommend presenting the land sale as discussed in Closed Session to the City Council, seconded by Susan Lockwood and carried.

Communications/Miscellaneous

- Tom Mews stated that the school district, Centre, Chamber, and City continue to discuss the possibility of a new building/field for hockey, football, etc. More information will be released in the next 30 days.

Paul Mayer moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Heater McAbee, and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Lori Brinkman.