

**MINUTES OF  
RENSSELAER REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
Monday, September 30, 2024 at 5:00 PM CT**

The Rensselaer Redevelopment Commission (RRC) held a meeting on Monday, September 30th. Commission President Smith called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 (BC) - Joshua Davis.

**Absent:** Clerk-Treasurer - Shelby Keys

**Guests:** Mayor Phillips, Councilman Arnold, Bob Schneck, Caleb de Jong, RCSC Superintendent Curt Craig, SSWS Superintendent Black

**II. New Business**

**A. Public Comment and Discussion on the Proposed Residential Housing Development Program**

BC Davis presented and reviewed the proposed Declaratory Resolution to enlarge the Drexel/Fairgrounds Economic Development Area (EDA), create a Residential Allocation Area within the enlarged EDA, and amend and restate the Economic Development Plan for the enlarged EDA. Four separate maps that outlined the changes were presented and explained. During the presentation of the Economic Development Plan there was discussion of the proposed projects to the EDA which were projected to cost approximately \$4.5 million. Included in the Plan was a property acquisition list of several distressed properties. Davis emphasized that there was no current plan to acquire any of these properties, except 470 N Cullen St, just that it would give the RRC the ability to redevelop them should the opportunity ever arise. Mayor Phillips explained that this new initiative aims to encourage housing development while also revitalizing existing residential properties in the surrounding area.

**III. Public Comments**

There were no additional public comments to report.

**IV. Adjournment**

Webb made motion to adjourn, seconded by George. **Motion Passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:21 PM CT.

**Next Meeting:** October 7th, 2024 at 5:00 PM CT

**Minutes Prepared by:** Krystal Bassett, Building Department Administrative Secretary