

**MINUTES OF
RENSELAER REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Monday, March 4th at 5:00 p.m. CT

The Rensselaer Redevelopment Commission held a meeting on Monday, March 4th Commission President Smith brought the meeting to order at 4:59 p.m. CT and requested Building Commissioner Davis to perform the roll call.

I. Roll Call

Present: President - Kevin Smith, Bob Brenneman, Matt McAleer, School Board Rep - Janice Deno and Building Commissioner (BC) - Joshua Davis.

Absent: Vice President - Estel George, Secretary - Jeff Webb, and Clerk-Treasurer - Shelby Keys

Guests: Mayor Phillips, Councilman Kevin Arnold, City Attorney - Todd Sammons, Project Coordinator - Jerry Lockridge, Appleseed President - Adam Alson, Marty Park, Carlos Vasquez, Judy Kanne, Megan Inskeep, Bob Schneck, Kim Denton, and BD Administrative Assistant Chrissy Martin.

II. Claims

None

III. Previous Minutes

President Smith entertained a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the meeting held on February 5th, 2024. Motion made by Brenneman, seconded by MacAleer. **Motion Passed.**

IV. New Business

A. RCSC Payment Request for 2024 Educational Programing

BC Davis stated that Rensselaer Schools Superintendent Craig sent a letter asking for the funds for the Pre-K Program & Classroom Supplies be released, this was previously approved at their October 2nd, 2023 Meeting.

Brenneman made a motion to release the funds, seconded by MacAleer. **Motion Passed.**

B. Appleseed Childcare Educational Funding Request

Appleseed President Adam Alson came before the RCC and gave a detailed presentation to the RRC about the Appleseed Childcare Educational Program. Appleseed's desire was that the RRC continue their annual investment of \$130,000, which they believe is crucial to keep Appleseed's Childcare affordable in Rensselaer. The RRC thanked Appleseed for their presentation and expressed their desire to continue to use the eligible educational funding to support the program. Due to the continued size of the request and the annual losses Appleseed was presenting, the RRC requested that Appleseed provide them with financial statements and budgets from the past two years. There was a thorough discussion but ultimately Appleseed did not state whether or not they would comply with the RRC's request.

President Smith reiterated the RRC's desire to support the program and then made a motion to table the decision until Appleseed provided the requested financials, Brenneman seconded. **Motion Passed.**

C. Potential Redevelopment Projects Discussion

- a. BC Davis spoke about the Brick Street Project has begun, Project Coordinator Jerry Lodridge spoke about the progression of the project.
- b. Mayor Phillips to give an update about the agreement between the City and the County extending the water and sewer on the other side of 65, the City would like to protect its water and sewer by adding a TIF district, there has been a survey done but the project is in holding at the current time. Mayor Phillips added that TIF District funding is currently being used to subsidize the Brick Street project until the funds are reimbursed.
- c. BC Davis asked if there was interest in any properties being purchased and redeveloped by the RRC, one example he gave was the old cleaners on Clark and Cullen. Mayor Phillips stated there are some other projects in the works, but not ready to be discussed presently, but would be in the future.

VI. Adjournment

With no other business coming before the RRC, President Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MacAleer. **Motion Passed.** Meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m. CT.

Next Meeting: April 1st, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. CT

Minutes Prepared by: BD Administrative Assistant Chrissy Martin