

**RENAISSANCE ZONE AUTHORITY
MINUTES**

Regular Meeting:

Monday:

April 18, 2016:

The Regular Meeting of the Renaissance Zone Authority of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, was held in the City Commission Room at City Hall at 8:00 o'clock a.m., Monday, April 18, 2016.

The Renaissance Zone Authority members present or absent were as follows:

Present: Dr. Dean Bresciani, Commissioner Dave Piepkorn, Bruce Furness, Cari Luchau, Deb Mathern, Steve Swiontek

Absent: Melissa Sobolik

Acting Chair Bruce Furness called the meeting to order.

Item 1: Approve Order of Agenda

Member Swiontek moved the Order of Agenda be approved as presented. Second by Member Luchau. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Item 2: Establish Renaissance Zone Authority Chairperson

This item was presented after Item 3.

Member Mathern volunteered to be the Renaissance Zone Authority Chair.

Member Furness moved to nominate Deb Mathern for Renaissance Zone Authority Chair. Second by Member Swiontek. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Item 3: Minutes: Regular Meeting of March 10, 2016

Member Mathern moved the minutes of the March 10, 2016 Renaissance Zone Authority meeting be approved. Second by Member Luchau. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Member Commissioner Piepkorn present.

Item 4: Review application from Block 9, LLC (New Construction) at 200 Block of Broadway, 226 5th Street North and 224 5th Street North: APPROVED

Planner Derrick LaPoint presented this item. Mr. LaPoint stated staff is recommending approval as the proposal does meet the guidelines and all required approval criteria.

Mike Allmendinger, General Manager at Kilbourne Group, spoke on behalf of the project.

Scott Neill, RDO's Vice President of Real Estate, spoke on behalf of the project.

Member Furness moved to approve the application submitted by Block Nine, LLC and to grant the property tax exemption and the State income tax exemptions as allowed by the North Dakota Renaissance Zone law contingent upon completion of the project and verification of costs. Second by Member Swiontek. On call of the roll Members Luchau, Swiontek, Mathern, Piepkorn, Furness, and Bresciani voted aye. Absent and not voting: Member Sobolik. The motion was declared carried.

Item 5: Review application from DFI Roberts, LLC (New Construction) at 624 2nd Avenue North, 7625 2nd Avenue North, and 217 Roberts Street North: APPROVED

Derrick LaPoint presented this item and stated staff is recommending approval as the proposal does meet the guidelines and all required approval criteria.

Kilbourne Group's General Manager Mike Allmendinger and Project Manager Mike Zimney, spoke on behalf of the project.

Member Bresciani moved to approve the application submitted by DFI Roberts, LLC and to grant the property tax exemption and the State income tax exemptions as allowed by the North Dakota Renaissance Zone law contingent upon completion of the project and verification of costs. Second by Member Luchau. On call of the roll Members Mathern, Piepkorn, Swiontek, Furness, Luchau, and Bresciani voted aye. Absent and not voting: Member Sobolik. The motion was declared carried.

Item 6: Update on Renaissance Zone Lease Applications

Derrick LaPoint reviewed the application received from CH2M Hill, Inc., proposing to lease commercial space located at 64 4th Street North. Mr. LaPoint stated staff will be presenting this item before the City Commission at the April 25, 2016 commission meeting.

Item 7: Other Business

No other business was discussed.

The time at adjournment was 8:45 a.m.