

**RENAISSANCE ZONE AUTHORITY
MINUTES**

Regular Meeting:

Monday:

December 19, 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 9:00 o'clock a.m., Monday, December 19, 2016.

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

Present: Commissioner Dave Piepkorn, Bruce Furness, Commissioner Tony Grindberg, Cari Luchau, Deb Mathern, Steve Swiontek, Chad Peterson

Absent: Dr. Dean Bresciani

Chair Mathern called the meeting to order.

Item 1: Approve Order of Agenda

Member Luchau moved the Order of Agenda be approved with a revision to the date on Item 2 to November 16, 2016. Second by Member Peterson. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Item 2: Minutes: Regular Meeting of November 16, 2016

Member Furness moved the minutes of the November 16, 2016 Renaissance Zone Authority meeting be approved. Second by Member Piepkorn. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Item 3: Review Application from North 500 Block LLC (Rehabilitation) at 508 1/2 Broadway North: APPROVED

9:07 a.m. Member Swiontek present.

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

Ben Meland and Austin Morris, Enclave Development, spoke on behalf of the project.

Member Piepkorn moved to approve the application submitted by North 500 Block 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 Furness. On call of the roll Members Grindberg, Swiontek, Mathern, Furness, Luchau, Piepkorn, and Peterson voted aye. Absent and not voting: Member Bresciani. The motion was declared carried.

Item 4: Proposed 2017 Renaissance Zone Authority Meeting Calendar

Board Members discussed Renaissance Zone Authority meeting dates for 2017. All Members agreed the fourth Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. in the City Commission Room, will be the tentative meeting dates for 2017. Staff noted the November and December meeting dates will be left as planned, with the option of these dates being moved to work around the holidays.

Item 5: Other Business

Mr. LaPoint noted staff will be expecting Renaissance Zone applications for the January meeting.

Members Grindberg and Peterson suggested an update/discussion be provided on upcoming legislative bills being introduced, related to tax incentives, etc., at the January Renaissance Zone Authority meeting.

The time at adjournment was 9:20 a.m.