

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
GARY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 20, 2021**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT** the Gary Redevelopment Commission met in a Regular Session in a virtual meeting in its offices at 504 Broadway, Suite 200, Gary, Indiana on Wednesday, October 20, 2021.

**PRESENT:**

**George A. Rogge, President  
Adam Hall, Vice-President  
Jeremiah King, Member  
Sharon Chambers, Member  
Glenn I. Johnson, Representative of School Corp.**

**ABSENT:**

**Gwendolyn F. Sims, Secretary**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**AJ Bytnar, Director  
Jeraldine Williams, Staff  
Deb Backhus, Staff  
Rodney Pol, Jr., Esq., Commission Attorney  
Sheleita Miller, Gatekeepers Accounting  
Adam Zheng  
Jacqueline Harris, The 411 News**

**THE MEETING** was called to order by Commissioner Rogge at 4:14 P. M.

**ROLL CALL:** Commissioner Rogge, Commissioner Hall, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Chambers were present. Commissioner Sims was absent. Mr. Johnson, Representative of School Corp. was present.

**ACCEPTANCE of AGENDA for October 20, 2021:** Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner King seconded. The vote showed:

**Ayes – All**

**Nays – None**

**The motion was carried.**

**CERTIFICATION OF RECORD of Executive Session, held Wednesday, October 20, 2021: Commissioner Rogge read into the record, "Statement of Executive Session. I hereby certify that nothing has been discussed in the Executive Session held immediately before this open meeting except those items specified and listed in the Notice". Commissioner Hall moved for approval of the Certificate of Record of the Executive Session. Commissioner King seconded. The vote showed:**

**Ayes – All**

**Nays – None**

**The motion was carried.**

**ACCEPTANCE and APPROVAL of Minutes of Regular Meeting held on April 7, 2021. Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner Chambers seconded. Commissioner Hall said the reason for these minutes just coming before the Board was due to illness of a staff member, simply an over sight. The vote showed:**

**Ayes – All**

**Nays – None**

**The motion was carried.**

**ACCEPTANCE and APPROVAL of Minutes of Regular Meeting held on September 22, 2021. Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner King seconded.**

**The vote showed:**

**Ayes – All**

**Nays – None**

**The motion was carried.**

**REQUEST for APPROVAL of RESOLUTION NO. 7229, a resolution approving the Adoption of a resolution passed by the Gary Common Council agreeing to allow the Gary Redevelopment Commission to purchase a parcel over the average of the appraisals. (Address of property is 6021 Melton Road, Gary, Indiana): Mr. Bytnar said as previously discussed at a Redevelopment Commission meeting, the Commission has to take final action by going before the Gary Common Council due to the fact that the purchase price is above the two appraisal prices. The average of the two appraisals was \$167,500, the purchase price was above the two appraisals in the amount of \$178,000, which required Gary Common Council action. The Common Council must approve the purchase of a parcel by the Redevelopment Commission if the price exceeds the greater of the two appraisals, which it did. At last night Gary Common Council meeting of October 19, 2021 the Common Council approve for the Redevelopment Commission to proceed with the purchase of the property. This resolution memorializes the fact that the Redevelopment Commission has received approval by the Gary Common Council to purchase the property. In a separate action the Redevelopment Commission can proceed with the land acquisition if they so choose. Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner Chambers seconded. The vote showed:**

**Ayes – All**

**Nays – None**

The motion was carried.

REQUEST for APPROVAL of RESOLUTION NO. 7230, a resolution authorizing purchase of property from Lin Nian Xing commonly referred to as 6021 Melton Road, Gary, Indiana. (Address of property is 6021 Melton Road, Gary, Indiana): Mr. Bytnar said the Redevelopment Commission is considering purchasing 6021 Melton Road, which is just over one acre, which is surrounded on the other three sides of Redevelopment Commission owned property of approximately 11 acres. The purchase of the property will complete the land assembly for the Redevelopment Commission and what is now the new split of route 20 as it leads to the Double Track Project. Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner Chambers seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

REQUEST for APPROVAL of RESOLUTION NO. 7232, a resolution authorizing the award and transfer of real property from the City of Gary Redevelopment Commission to private homeowners Antinette Williams for property located at 748 Polk Street, Darcia Parker for property located at 836 Johnson Street, and Wendy Sanders for property located at 631 Harrison Street through the City of Gary's Side Lot Program: Mr. Bytnar said the three applicants do own their homes, and are current for at least the last two years on their property taxes. The properties have been reviewed by the Staff and were deemed eligible. The properties will go on the tax roll once awarded and transferred. Mr. Bytnar

**recommended to approve Res. No. 7323. Commissioner Hall moved for approval.**

**Commissioner Chambers seconded. The vote showed:**

**Ayes – All**

**Nays – None**

**The motion was carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS - Discussion: Executive Director's Report: Mr. Bytnar said he had none.**

**PUBLIC Comment(s) on agenda items only: There was no comment.**

**COMMISSIONERS' Comments: There were none.**

**SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE'S Comments: Mr. Johnson said he had no comment.**

**Commissioner Rogge asked the Board to appoint an Acting Secretary for this meeting only. Commissioner Hall made a motion to nominate Commissioner King. Commissioner Rogge seconded. The vote showed:**

**Ayes – All**

**Nays – None**

**The motion was carried.**

**AGENDA Item(s) for next Board Meeting: Mr. Bytnar said there will be RFP's.**

**ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner King moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Chambers seconded. The vote showed:**

**Ayes – All**

**Nays – None**

**The motion was carried.**

**Commissioner Rogge adjourned the meeting at 4:34 P. M.**

**By: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**George A. Rogge, President**

**By: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Jeremiah King, Acting Secretary**