

LINCOLN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

May 13, 2008

APPROVE

The regular meeting of the Lincoln Redevelopment Agency was held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at the Lincoln Town Hall, 100 Old River Road, Lincoln, Rhode Island.

The following members were present: Timothy McMahon, Robert Kay, Claude Cote, Richard Clegg, and Elizabeth Robinson. Raymond Trabulsi was absent. Also in attendance was Town Planner Albert Ranaldi who also kept the minutes.

Chairman Cote called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM and advised that five members were present; have quorum.

Secretary's Report

Member Robinson made motion to accept all the meeting minutes as presented. Member Kay seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

EPA Grant/Project Discussion

Mr. Ranaldi informed the agency members that the Town and the LRA was not awarded the grant. Chairman Cote said that the Woonsocket Public School site received three grants to clean up the school sites.

RIDEM – Targeted Brownfield Assessments (TBA)

Chairman Cote informed the agency that the RIDEM received \$400,000 from the EPA for Brownfield Assessment. This funding will be used by RIDEM to distribute to communities within Rhode Island. Chairman Cote asked DEM if we can still submit this year for RIDEM grant. RIDEM said that it doesn't look too good for this year. However, Targeted Site Assessment grant period is open and that we should apply. Staff at DEM will work with us. Chairman Cote said that DEM like municipal involvement and the establishment of a redevelopment plan and agency as they relate to brownfields. Cynthia from RIDEM knows about the site and is interested in helping us. The Federal fiscal year runs from October 1 – September 30 and grants are awarded once a year.

Discuss Proposed FY08/09 Budget

Town Planner Albert Ranaldi informed the agency that he submitted the agency's proposed budget but the Town Administrator elected not to submit it to the budget board due to very tight financial constraints on the existing departments.

Discuss Progress of Procaccianti Group

Chairman Cote informed the agency that the Rhode Island historic tax credit program has been cut. The future value of the Procaccianti building drops because there is no tax credit program to help with the expense of redeveloping it. He advises that we wait to write a letter to the Procaccianti Group about the building until the General Assembly

finishes the budget season.

Members then discussed the agenda items for next meeting. They suggested postponing the summer meetings of June, July, and August. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2008.

Motion made to adjourn by member McMahon was seconded by member Kay. Motion was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Albert V. Ranaldi, Jr. AICP
Recording Secretary**