

North Smithfield
Redevelopment Agency

Monday February 28, 2011

Present: John Flaherty, John Gibbons, Robert Nault, Mike Rapko, Eric Nascimento, Bruce “Smed” Blair

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Flaherty asked if anyone had anything that they would like to add or change from the minutes from the last meeting on January 24, 2011. Mr. Rapko motioned to accept the minutes. Mr. Gibbons seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chairman’s Report

Mr. Flaherty explained that the Ordinance Establishing Branch Village as a Redevelopment District had been brought before the Town Council, at which time they asked for recommendations from the Town Solicitor. As a result, the Town Solicitor indicated that he would be proposing minor revisions to the document.

Mr. Flaherty also indicated that the appointment of the Town Solicitor as the Resident Attorney for the Redevelopment Agency has been filed with the Secretary of State.

Discussion of Permitting Incentives

There was a short discussion on the possible permitting incentives that are available through the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM), as well as the local level. It was decided upon by the group to continue this discussion after the review of the SAM MAN Realty Site.

Review and Discussion of Preliminary Engineering for the SAM MAN Realty Site

Mr. Blair distributed a conceptual plan for the full build out of the SAM MAN Realty Site for discussion purposes. He indicated that the plans were developed as a full build out in order to acquire appropriate permits from RIDEM. At this time, the submitted plans are under review by RIDEM. A discussion ensued regarding the railroad crossing within the site, and the process to acquire permission for an at-grade crossing of the rail line.

Discussion of Draft Mixed Use-Zoning Ordinance

Mr. Flaherty distributed the latest draft of the Mixed Use-Zoning Ordinance. A discussion ensued regarding the draft ordinance. All members had comments and suggestions to revise the document. A detailed review of the ordinance was performed where each member offered proposed revisions. Mr.

Flaherty indicated that he would revise the document taking into consideration all the comments, and would re-distribute a revised draft for the next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted

Eric Nascimento