Minutes FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Tuesday, February 14, 2017 1:15 PM
BIRD, Inc. Offices
1413 4th Ave N, Suite C

Board members in attendance: Marshall Knick, Sam Westerman, Marty Connell
Absent: Scott Chesarek, Lenette Kosovich, Ken Kunkel
Others attending: Dave Green, David Ellis, Tom Fischer, Tim Goodridge, Leif Welhaven, Patrick Klugman, Mike Yakawich

Meeting called to order at 1:15 – Marshall Knick presiding

Previous Minutes
Action: Approval of previous board meeting minutes – No quorum – Minutes to be approved by email
Financials:
Action: Approval of January financials - No quorum – To be approved by email

Old Business:
1. Tim and David still trying to get together to update BIRD Access files with new 2016 tax parcel data.

2. Marty reports on HDR draft report: Stefan Streeter (MDT) supports pedestrian crossing over Exposition. Advised that we request MDT funding, if any funds are available they may direct some to the project. Chris Hertz and HDR report determine that going under Exposition not likely with (2) existing storm sewer and uncertainty as to when and if they will be replaced.

   HDR report advises 3rd Ave. North is the optimal location given the level of vehicle traffic at 4th Ave. North and the uncertainty of the outcome of the reconstruction of the 1st Ave. North/Exposition intersection. The bridge can land on either the north or south side of 3rd Ave. North. Once we determine the necessary easement, Marty propose to approach the landowners and request a “gift” of the land for the east end of the bridge. Whichever landowner agrees will get the bridge on their property.

   Marty had HDR agree to provide a final draft of the report by the week of March 13 and Tim Erickson from HDR will present the project at our annual meeting on April 19.

3. Housing study funding was approved by city council at February 13 meeting. Marshall appoints Scott and Tim as the BIRD representatives to the steering committee. Tim is directed to request the $25,000 from City Finance.

**New Business:**

1. Consideration of Fischer Commercial Flooring TIF assistance. No quorum so Review Committee recommendation will be sent out via email for board approval. Discussion about the project was positive and Tom Fischer was commended for his investment in upgrading and beautifying the property. Tim assigned to send a Thank You note to Marketing Specialties for removing all the old gas pumps on the vacant lot east of Fischer at Tom’s request.

2. Tim reported that he attended the North Park Task force to support a presentation by the BAA relating to their architectural competition. No one from BAA showed so Tim announced North Park as the site for the competition.

3. Annual Meeting date set for April 19. Sam and Ken are up for reelection. Sam indicated his willingness to serve another (2) year term. Ken was absent. Tim will confirm date with FIB and begin to organize the meeting.

4. Sanderson Stewart scope of work proposal – The proposal ($21,400) will determine the scope of work and provide estimates for expanding the sewer, water, storm, paving, sidewalks etc. from 10th St. North to 13th St. North. In addition to this infrastructure, the report will include extending the lighting installed on the east end of the district throughout the entire EBURD. Our intent is to create a “shovel-ready” project so we can source the necessary funding.

   Action on this item will be done by email voting. Tim will contact assistant city administrator for approval on paying Sanderson Stewart with BIRD funds.

4. Lot assemblage – Tim reported that in conversations with Brad McCall, a local developer interested in projects in the EBURD, that the difficulty of assembling sufficient property to do residential projects of scale is a problem in the district. Tim asked if the BIRD can buy land to help facilitate the process. Marty offered that the primary problem in going this route will be the perception that we are in competition with developers. Concrete policies and procedures will need to be developed. Examples cited were: Fast turns with no intent to profit, letters from developers indicating assent to this initiative. Much more analysis of the cost/benefit of going in this direction is required before the board can consider further.

5. Council member Mike Yakawich said Tims visit to the North Park Task force to support the BAA competition was appreciated. He commended us for having board members show up at the city council meeting where TIF policy was under discussion. Suggested we ask Bill Dutcher for a free table at the Mate show to promote the EBURD. Also advised that we include more photos in our presentations to council.
7. Patrick Klugman reported BSED is resubmitting for another Brownfields grant. He thanked Marshall for signing a letter in support. He estimated up to 45 parcels have been analyzed as a result of the previous grants.

Adjourn Meeting – Marshall- 2:10 pm

Next Board Meeting Tuesday, February 7, 2017- 1:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lenette Kosovich
Secretary