

**Town of Cromwell
Redevelopment Agency**

***Regular Meeting
6:30 PM Wednesday August 19, 2020
Room 222 Cromwell Town Hall 41 West Street***

Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman Joe Fazekas, Richard Nobile, Paul Warenda, Ann Halibozek

Absent: Kevin Nolan

Also Present: Director of Planning and Development Stuart Popper, Town Council Liaison Al Waters, Town Council Liaison Steve Fortenbach, Public

1. Call to Order

Chairman Fazekas called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

2. Roll Call

The presence of the above members was noted.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by R. Nobile to approve the Agenda; seconded by P. Warenda. *All in favor, motion passed.*

4. Public Comments

No comment.

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5. Old Business

a. Cromwell Landing - Pier/Walkway

Mr. Popper said that the project is out to bid, bids close next week on Tuesday 8/25 and he estimates that there is about \$280,000 in remaining funds for construction. He explained that the plans call for building a pathway along the river; rebuilding part of the old stone wall. Mr. Popper said there will also be a fishing platform which will extend over the water. He said the Town will pick a bidder next week and construction will be this fall.

b. Tank Farm - Chevron cleanup

Mr. Popper said as part of the clean up, the building fronting on River Road has been demolished and the building site cleaned. He said that the area under River Road in front of the building has been cleaned and the road is being rebuilt this week. Mr. Popper said the cleanup process will be going more inland to clean up the areas under

the former tanks.

c. Access Rd to River Rd. from 99

Mr. Popper said there was no update.

d. 60 and 61 River Road RFQ/RFP

We are still in negotiations due to some legal concerns. No further update at this time.

e. Town Wide map of Vacant Properties

Mr. Popper said there was no was no update.

6. New Business:

Mr. Popper went over a number of projects happening around and offered the following updates:

- Amazon is now open in the 403,000 square foot warehouse building on County Line Drive. It is the only large item warehouse operation in the state with items like as appliances and furniture. Amazon held their job fair at the Town Hall and it was successful.
- Baci has been sold, and Café Fiore will be moving in by October. The new sign for the restaurant is up and they are currently renovating the inside of the building.
- Starbucks is moving along and may open before Christmas.
- The new Pho restaurant had a soft opening which was successful so far.
- The Nike site is still under construction.
- Arbor Meadows is moving along.
- Marriott will open at the end of August.
- There is no update on the Red Lion.
- Covenant Village is still moving along.
- Gaylord Physical Therapy on Berlin Road has opened.
- Construction on Coles Road continues.
- Tall Man's Ice Cream Shop had a successful opening and summer has been good.

7. Approval of Minutes:

a. February 19, 2020

Motion made by R. Donohue to approve the minutes of February 19, 2020; seconded by

P. Warena. *All in favor, motion passed.*

A. Halibozek and R. Nobile abstained.

8. Commissioner's Comments:

R. Donohue commended the Town of Cromwell for staying open during the pandemic, while some neighboring towns did not.

9. Adjourn

Motion made by A. Halibozek to adjourn at 7:06 PM; seconded by R. Donohue. *All in favor, motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "April Armetta". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

April Armetta
Recording Clerk