

MARION REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

October 30, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Smithley, Ed Merchant, Todd Nicholson, Jacquie Dodyk, and Deb Cain

MEMBER ABSENT: Steve Henderson

OTHERS PRESENT: Janet Pearson, Herb Spitzer, Jerry Foustnight, Mike Halstead, Jacqueline Trowbridge, Tom Hunt, Torri Williams, Michael Hotz, Samantha Oyler and Mayor Jess Alumbaugh

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am by Steve Smithley.

Motion to approve the minutes from the October 2, 2019 meeting- Ed Merchant; seconded Deb Cain. **Motion carried.**

Courtyard Bid

Herb Spitzer informed the board that there was only bid received for the courtyard property for the amount of \$20,000. He stated there is one issue the property the board needed to address. Jerry Foustnight told the board there is an electrical box that supplies the Wi-Fi to the bus terminal for the City of Marion. We need to keep that box in place and at one time it supplied the power to the courtyard. Mike Halstead informed Jerry that he has already put power in to the courtyard so we will be able to terminate that power within the box, however we need to keep it for the Wi-Fi for the bus terminal because it has to do with ADA and a couple of other things. Jerry Foustnight stated an easement needs to be created so that the box can stay and the city will have access to it. Mike Halstead stated he does not have an issue with it and he just wants to make sure the power is terminated to the outlets and not to the city lights. Jerry Foustnight stated he has spoken with Jimmy Dixon who wired it and he said he will terminate the wires that need to be terminated. Herb Spitzer stated if the bid was accepted he would work on a contract for the sale and include the easement and also when it is actually deeded the city will reserve an easement into the deed that will be recorded. An agreement will have to be reached on the size of the easement.

Motion to accept the bid of \$20,000- Deb Cain; seconded Jacquie Dodyk. **Motion carried.**

Downtown Plan Update

Jacquie Dodyk informed the board that on the (Main Street Revitalization Program Grant) MSRP Grant the proposal has been filed and they did pass threshold and there is a site visit planned for today (10-30-2019) at 3:15 at City Hall. The request is for \$600,000 that is the maximum grant

award, these are federal funds so there is a lot of compliance. The final application goes in November 22. Jacquie Dodyk said the funds are only good for this application and if they don't get it they will regroup and ask again. Jacquie Dodyk said the MRC approval is for \$175,000, \$140,000 from The Community Foundation, \$85,000 from the city, and so we ended up with a; the total project cost is a \$1,005,632.00 that is what it is going in at. And we ended up with a forty-two percent match for the total project cost. They did approve their maximum local match of \$25,000 for providing the grant administration services at no cost.

Next level trail is South Washington Street, 4th to 5th Street, and 3rd to 4th Street, there are a total of about eight buildings on those two blocks. Jacquie Dodyk said they are talking about going from the river to the Cardinal Greenway and this grant will make that connection. There is a pedestrian bridge that is not wide enough for what we are doing so the county commissioners are going to pay for the bridge. Jacquie Dodyk stated that to the best of their understanding that when you apply you cannot reapply. So going in November 1 is our one chance to do it. This is the project that would give you up to four years to complete although we don't anticipate needing that amount of time. Jacquie Dodyk stated that at the last meeting she told the board the project cost was over a million but we now have it at \$927, 075. We have the \$50,000 that the Redevelopment Commission pledged, the city is coming in with \$50,000 from some accounts that Mike Graft has for asphalt, Marion Utilities will relocate seven inlets and they have committed to \$50,000, Grant County is at \$75,000 for the pedestrian bridge and \$7,600 from individuals that were asked. We are at \$232,600 for the match that is 25.08% of the project cost, threshold was 20%. Jacquie Dodyk stated that the reality is that if you can do more to match at this point it would really push it further along with being competitive. No one that was successful had less than a 25% match. We are in the local pot not the regional pot, there is \$5,000,000 that they can put forward. Jacquie Dodyk said this is a one shot and this is a pledge so if it does not get awarded then your money stays with the commission. Jacquie Dodyk requested that the board for an additional \$50,000 which would put the match at 30.48%.

Motion to approve an additional \$50,000 for the Next Level Trails Ed Merchant; seconded Deb Cain. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned

Steve Smithley- President

Aisha Richard- Attest