

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
WOODHAVEN TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER WOODHAVEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 05, 2024

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance: Gyna Bivens, Chair; Pamela Anglin, Ken Newell, Joyce Thomas, Linda Christie; Ken Devero

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely: Jeanette Martinez, Vice Chair; Shannon Fletcher; Sandra McGlothlin,

Board Members/Commissioners Absent: Roderick Miles; Vernell Sturns

City Staff: Robert Sturns, Ori Fernandez, Crystal Hinojosa, Lindsay Mesa, Martha Collins, JB Strong; Fernando Costa

CALL TO ORDER

The Woodhaven Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 13 convened in a regular called meeting on June 5, 2024, in the City Council Conference Room 2020 at 3:30pm Texas Street in Fort Worth, Texas.

Chair Gyna Bivens called the Woodhaven Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 13 Meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of the January 24, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Board Member Jay Singleton and seconded by Board Member Joyce Thomas. The motion passed on a 9-0 vote. Board Members Roderick Miles and Vernell Sturns were absent

BREIFING

Lindsay Mesa provided an update on the Woodhaven Neighborhood Conservation Study Advisory Council. She announced the formation of an advisory committee and detailed the upcoming meetings and events. Interface Studio, a consulting firm based in Philadelphia, was introduced as the firm selected to work on the project.

Lindsay provided a briefing that Interface Studio has a successful track record in community engagement and will work closely with residents to develop the conservation plan. Their work includes research, data collection, and listening to residents' hopes and dreams to facilitate discussions about the neighborhood's future. A main event is scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, at the International Leadership School, featuring various activities and stations for information sharing

and gathering input. A formal presentation of findings to date will take place at 5:00 PM during the open house style event.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Consider a resolution to approve reimbursement to the City of Fort Worth for the Transportation and Public Works Department's community outreach efforts for the potential TIF 13 sidewalk project in the amount of \$75,000.00 (Walter Council, Transportation and Public Works)**

Chair Bivens requested clarification before proceeding with the presentation, asking if these were the sidewalks the board had previously rejected. The \$75,000 request was part of a community outreach initiative to present the potential sidewalk project.

Attorney JB Strong explained that the board initially approved the sidewalk request when CM Moon was Chair, and the outreach request was later made by CM Blaylock when he became Chair. The board, under Chair Bivens, then requested that \$4.2 million be returned to the board.

The community outreach included public open houses, surveys, bus ride surveys, attendance at community events, back-to-school events, and outreaches at apartment complexes. Walter Council from TPW presented a breakdown of the outreach efforts and conceptual renderings, which totaled \$75,000. Staff is now requesting reimbursement for these outreach efforts.

Board member Singleton inquired if the surveys were for the entire Eastside Transportation plan or specifically for the Woodhaven Randol Mill sidewalk project, to which the response was that the outreach was specific to the Woodhaven Randol Mill sidewalk project. Approximately 100 survey responses were collected, mainly distributed at community events and during public bus rides. When asked about responses from Riverbend Estates, the exact number was unknown. Singleton noted that if Riverbend Estates residents had responded, they likely would have opposed the project due to its proximity to their neighborhood.

Concerns were raised about the resolution stating board support for the project, while Chair Blaylock had requested to hold the project. It was noted that CM Blaylock only attended one meeting in 2022.

Board member Joyce Thomas asked about the distribution of event notices, stating that the Woodhaven Neighborhood Association did not receive any. It was explained that the outreaches were conducted in the Southside Community Center area, which is outside the Woodhaven and Riverbend communities. Chair Bivens clarified that the outreaches targeted the wrong demographics and emphasized the importance of directing studies to the appropriate audience.

Board member Singleton expressed his support for the project, though he was in the minority, and highlighted security concerns from the Riverbend community. CM Moon had requested in-person outreach to the community, rather than virtual outreach or hiring consultants, which was not adequately addressed.

Chair Bivens asked if there was a motion on the item. Board member Singleton requested to table the item until further information was provided, seconded by Board member Thomas. The motion passed with a 9-0 vote, with Board Members Roderick Miles and Vernell Sturns absent.

REQUEST FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Board member Singleton requested all board packets and meeting minutes be provided to the public via the City website.

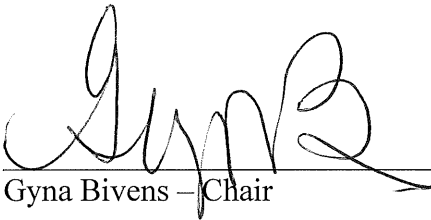
PUBLIC COMMENT

Shiral Sam Poonawala

Shiral Sam Poonawala commented that he has several locations in the area and has acquired 15 acres of real estate. He requested TIF assistance for the development of the acquired property once the development begins.

ADJOURN

Chair Gyna Bivens adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m. without objection.



Gyna Bivens – Chair

The minutes were approved at this 7th of August, 2024
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