

RUTLAND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

CITY OF RUTLAND

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Regular Meeting / October 14, 2014

Minutes

Attendance: Dave Cooper, Brennan Duffy, Israel Mac, Barbara Spaulding, Mike Gauthier, Ed Clark and Claus Bartenstein.

Absent: William Notte, Stephanie Peters and Wendy Wilton.

Also attending: Chris Etori, Downtown Rutland Partnership; Mike Coppinger, Downtown Rutland Partnership; and Cristina Kumka, PEG TV.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 am.
- II. Agenda Additions/Deletions – None.
- III. Claus moved to approve the minutes of September 23, 2014. Mike seconded. Motion was approved.
- IV. No one from the public was in attendance to address the Board.
- V. Ed moved to authorize Dave to sign the warrant for payment of Fund 800 expenses totaling \$21,059.28 and recommend to the Board of Finance payment of Fund 100 expenses totaling \$3,458.97. Mike seconded. Motion was approved.
- VI. Mike Coppinger, Executive Director of the Downtown Rutland Partnership discussed the quarterly report for 9/30/14 highlighting the Marketing and Special Events. Mike also addressed the overage in expenses in the Marketing/Events budget. A second cable TV commercial, new programs and summer event costs exceeded the budget. However, spending of this line item will be managed so this expense category will be in budget by year end.
- VII. Brennan provided the following project status updates.

RRA Quarterly Report 9/30/14 – Brennan discussed the quarterly report and grant status update that will be formally submitted to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Post Office Annex – Work on the building is expected to be completed this week with an event/ceremony in the works.

Northwest Neighborhood Grant – The Environmental Review was approved by VCDP and forwarded to HUD for comment.

37 Pine Street – The building was demolished during the grant award ceremony and the City does not intend to own the property in perpetuity. There has been interest to rebuild at the site.

Tax Stabilization Policy – A committee was formed and marketing of the policy is being planned.

Solar Arrays – The City will see solar array development revenues not seen before.

Downtown Gateway Plan – The project is at the mid-way point and there have been some deliverables.

Strong Communities, Better Connections Grant – The application for \$80,000 was submitted and includes 10% match of \$4,000 from City and \$4,000 from RRA. An award announcement is expected in early December.

Rutland Recreation Study – The City Recreation Department is investigating the viability of White's Pool and Giorgetti Arena; both of which are in need of repairs totaling over \$3 million. Brennan suggested to Cindi Wight to include in the study the cost of an indoor water facility with a fitness center.

VIII. New Business

Dave discussed a letter of appreciation for Chief Baker. Brennan will draft the letter.

Claus discussed moving Solarfest to the Rutland Fairgrounds. Mike volunteered to discuss the idea with Carol Tashie and Steve Costello. Chris Etori said the Downtown could also be a viable location.

IX. Adjourn.

Mike moved to adjourn. Claus seconded. Motion was approved. The meeting ended at 8:45 am.

These minutes approved this ____ day of _____, 2014.

Israel Mac, Secretary