

Central Business Improvement District
Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2012, 10:00 a.m.
First National Bank, 8th Floor Board Room

Attendance: Richard Griffin, Phil White, Sam Sicard, Rodney Ghan, Bennie Westphal, Jeff Pryor and staff: Jayne Hughes, Wendy Beshears

Absent: Bill Hanna

Others in Attendance: David Harris, David Kerr, Aric Mitchell, Wanda Freeman, Kirk Redwine, Carl Cummings, Jim Medley, Jason Parker

Call to Order:

Mr. Griffin called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the July 19, 2012 were presented a motion to approve the minutes was made by Sicard and 2nd from Westphal. The minutes were approved with corrections to change the date from December 13, 2012 to July 19, 2012.

Treasurer's Report:

Expenses:

July, Chamber dues, August repairs/architect plans, September and October no expenses, November Insurance on building and December repairs.

The motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by White and 2nd by Pryor. The motion passed by a 6 for, 0 against vote.

Commissioner's Forum:

Jason Parker with Griffin Construction spoke about the plans to restore the facade of the new theater at 9 North 10th Street. CBID gave their approval to move forward on this project with White stipulating that the original scallop-top awning over the entrance be duplicated. Griffin expects the restoration work to take about the first six months of 2013. Modern material will be used because they present fewer maintenance problems but they will be made to look like historical materials, Griffin said.

The motion to approve was made by White and 2nd by Sicard with Whites stipulation. Mr. Griffin recused himself from the vote, the motion passed by a 5 for 0 against the vote.

Jason Parker also spoke about repairs that are needed at 701 Rogers Avenue. The commission approved plans to repair the CBID owned building at 701 Rogers Avenue while it is vacant. Parker said the tin ceiling is bowed and the structure above it needs repairs in order to straightened it out. A budget will be presented at the next meeting.

Carl Cummings, an architect working with Immaculate Conception, Catholic Church presented renovation plans for the former Abilities Unlimited building, which the church recently purchased. Plans include replacing a garage door with a regular entrance and painting the building to match the brick of the church. The exterior structural changes are on the east side. CBID members added that they want the church to eliminate or change the bright blue awnings on the current building.

Motion to approve was made by White, 2nd by Westphal. The motion passed by a 6 for, 0 against.

Westphal is now taking bids on tearing the building down on 5th and B which is West of the fire department. The building is not a contributing structure in the historic district and has decayed beyond repair.

Motion to approve was made by Ghan and 2nd by Pryor. The motion passed by a 6 for, 0 against.

Old Business:

New Business:

Both the 2013 annual retreat and CBID meeting will be January 24, the location to be announced.

Next Meeting: January 24, 2013

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wendy Beshears