

# **Quarterly Meeting**

## **of the**

### **City of Hickory Bond Implementation Commission**

#### **Council Chambers 4:00 pm**

#### **October 17, 2017**

A quarterly meeting of the Bond Implementation Commission was held in the Council Chambers at Hickory City Hall, on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 4:00 p.m., with the following members present:

**Staff Present:** Assistant City Manager Andrea Surratt, Assistant City Manager Rodney Miller, Bond Project Manager Kyle Butler, Governmental Affairs Manager Yaidee Fox, Public Services Director Kevin Greer, Planning Director Brian Frazier, Parks and Recreation Director Mack McLeod, and Executive Assistant to the City Manager Deisy Zavala Vazquez, Communications Specialist Sarah Prencipe.

**Bond Commission members present:** Alan Barnhardt, Mike Bell, Eloise Bradshaw, Dana Chambers, Ed Farthing, Sandi Fotheringham, Charlie Hayes, Jennifer Helton, Allison Holtzman, Alan Jackson, Anthony Laxton, Will Locke, Norm Meres, Cliff Moone, Hani Nassar, Rachel Nichols, Jim Powers, Stacey Rash, Katherine Rogers, Ernie Sills, Carolyn Sinclair, Mike Thomas, James Tilton, Suzanne Trollan, Jason Yates, Frank Young.

**Bond Commission members absent:** David Baldwin, Jennifer Beane, Patricia Bowman, Paige Brigham, Jim Campbell, Jennifer Clark, Rob Dickerson, Kimberly George, Meg Jenkins Locke, Clise Johnson Plant, David Roberts II, Kay Schmucker, Mikeala Simmons, Nick Walden, Susan Walker

**A quorum was present for the Bond Implementation Commission.**

#### **I. Call to Order**

Assistant City Manager, Andrea Surratt started the meeting at 4:07 pm with a few announcements. She reminded the group of the inserts they had sent out with the Hickory Daily Record Sunday newspaper and mentioned that there were copies available for them at the table near the front of the room. Ms. Surratt

emphasized that they should be proud of all they have done. Andrea reminded the group that they will have one more full Bond Commission meeting for the year and that it would be coming up in November. Ms. Surratt then turned the meeting over to Bond Commission Vice-Chair Allison Holtzman. Ms. Holtzman officially called the meeting to order at 4:12 pm.

## **II. Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Holtzman then requested the approval of minutes from the last meeting on June 6. Cliff Moone moved, seconded by Mike Thomas to approve the minutes. (The Commission inadvertently failed to take a vote therefore the minutes will be brought up at the next meeting.)

## **III. Introduction of New Members**

Vice-Chair Allison Holtzman introduced the new members, Rachel Nichols and Jim Powers. Nichols will be joining the Streetscapes and Gateways Committee and Powers is on the Riverwalk Committee.

Andrea Surratt added that they were passing around a list for people to add their contact information. Ms. Surratt added that Freese and Nichols would be compiling a list of dates for meetings in order to streamline the process. Andrea asked the group if they had any questions.

Cliff Moone wanted to commend the city for the changes in the City Walk signage throughout the city. The group was very pleased with this as well and expressed their approval.

Bond Member, Frank Young asked about the dates for the meetings coming up.

Project Manager, Kyle Butler reminded the group about the meetings coming up on Thursday, October 26. The first meeting would be the City Walk meeting and it would begin at 4:30 pm. The second meeting on that same day would be the Riverwalk meeting and it would begin at 6:00 pm. The meetings will be held in the third-floor conference room. The next meetings will be the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup>.

They will look at that and notify the group once they figure out. They would be 7:00 pm city council meetings and they may need for one of the chairs to present the bond recommendations to Council. The next full bond commission would be the first week of November. More information would be forthcoming.

Andrea Surratt asked the group if they would like the group to meet in the afternoons after five or if they preferred lunch meetings. The group raised their hands to reply but the group did not come to a conclusive answer. Ms. Surratt and Mr. Butler decided to alternate the times depending on the responses from the group.

Andrea mentioned that in the Riverwalk Subcommittee Meeting presentation coming up, they would get the chance to see a conceptual design for the Riverwalk. City council has seen several of the designs before the commission because they will need to discuss the cost and the budget. The Riverwalk Subcommittee will be looking at the designs soon. Andrea mentioned that they would still be using the design that rests on the water.

Cliff Moone asked if they needed any more TIGER grant letters. Ms. Surratt answered that they would appreciate any letters that anyone would like to send in. She also added that they did a great job with the TIGER Grant and they are very pleased with how everything is transpiring. The grant would encompass it is a 20.2-million-dollar program and had been submitted yesterday. She also reminded the group that they can still submit the letters.

Carolyn Sinclair asked when it would be awarded, Ms. Surratt replied that it might be about 3 months before they hear back from them.

Andrea Surratt added that their project fit perfectly because it involved connectivity and they believe that it is a very strong application for the grant.

#### **IV. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:23 pm.

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Frank B. Wyatt II, Chair

Hickory Bond Commission

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Deisy Zavala Vazquez

Executive Assistant to the City Manager