

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Meeting Summary

February 8, 2024

Item 1. Call to Order

In Chairman Griffey's absence, Dr. Powell called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

Item 2. Roll Call

PRESENT: Mike Edwards, Kelli Kincaid, Dr. Kent Powell, Gary Sanson, Liaison Mark Spohn

ABSENT: Bill Griffey, III

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Laura Mize, Neighborhood Specialist

Item 3. Comments from Visitors

None

Item 4. Approval of Meeting Summary from January 11, 2024

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the Meeting Summary from January 11, 2024. Commissioner Kincaid seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 4-0-0

Yes: Commissioners Edwards, Kincaid, Powell, Sanson.

No: None

Abstain: None

Item 5. Consideration of 353 Tax Abatement Project at 526 Isley Blvd.

Mrs. Mize presented the information in the staff report. Commissioner Sanson asked if the project was completed, and Mrs. Mize confirmed that it is. He asked how far back an application may go back. The application reflects a starting date for the project in 2022. The bids were obtained in July of 2022. The application was received in September of 2023 and all the work occurred in the fall of 2023. Commissioner Edwards asked when the property is checked for blight. Mrs. Mize clarified the timeline for project completion. The next step for projects after ESRC review is consideration by Council. Mayor Spohn asked if it is possible to show photos of completed projects to the ESRC board. Mrs. Mize said that she could provide "after" photos. Commissioner Sanson seconded that he would like to see the "after" photos.

Commissioner Sanson made the motion to approve the project. Commissioner Kincaid seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 4-0-0

Yes: Commissioners Edwards, Kincaid, Powell, Sanson

No: None

Item 7. Comments from staff.

Mrs. Mize shared that there are 8 projects in various stages of construction and approval, and 7 other property owners have indicated that they plan to apply for tax abatement. She explained that the application for 514 Elms Blvd. will be redone so that the sidewalk can be included and the owner can get an extra 3 years of abatement. She updated the board on properties that are in construction stages.

Mayor Spohn mentioned that it is great that the abatement is transferrable. His sister is pleased with her tax bill from the house that she bought from him. Commissioner Sanson said that the Shewells are happy with their tax bill at 407 E Broadway as well.

Dr. Powell pointed out that property owners do need to be ready for the increase in value and taxes at the end of the abatement period. Mrs. Mize said that she is planning to have conversations with property owners about two years before the end of their abatement so they can be prepared.

Item 8. Comments from board members.

Commissioner Edwards noted that there had not been many applications before, but now there are many. He thanked Mrs. Mize for her hard work.

Item 9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.