

**SPRINGFIELD REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
February 27, 2018  
SRDC Conference Room 8:00 am  
**MEETING NOTES**

**Present:** Doug Gurney, Dale Williamson, Bob Kendall, Rick Bibens, Caitlin Christiana, Kristi Morris, Bob Flint, and Paul Kowalski

**Absent:** Jason Thom, Barbara LeMire, John Tansey, Mark Tanny, Patti Putnam, Mark Tanny and Heather Hartford

Due to not having quorum, there were no actions taken. President Doug Gurney led the discussion.

- 1) **Review of minutes from January 23, 2018:** No action taken
- 2) **Review of Financials from January 23, 2018 :** No action taken
- 3) **Executive Director's Report:**
- 4) **Old Business:**
  - a. **J&L 1 Update:**
    1. **H. 881 Update:** Bob said that he testified last Friday in the House Natural Resources committee, which has since given their approval for the bill. He said it is expected to make crossover and we will have to start the process again when it gets to the Senate.
  - b. **Jones Center Status:** Bob informed the Board that he and Heather would be meeting with Peter Klepp to discuss their future plans at the Jones Center. With Whitney Blake leaving in July, there will be available space. Konrad has also expressed interest in additional space to expand in the north end of the building.
  - c. **Bryants Building:**
    1. **Renovation Project:** Doug reported that he and Heather had met with an engineer and were now waiting for a proposal to design the interior wall.
  - d. **Windsor Riverfront Project:**
    1. **Update:** Paul told the Board that the house is nearing completion. Terms have not been set, but he said that it's likely the house will be leased with an option to purchase.
  - e. **CRDC/WIC/SRDC Transition:**
    1. **CRDC Real Estate Information:** Bob said that both properties have been accepted into the BRELLA program for liability protection. At this point everything is completed on our end and we are hoping for a closing in early spring.
    2. **CRDC Transfer Status :** Bob told the Board that he had been conferring with Matthew Suchodolski from the EDA and we think all of the necessary information has been submitted. We are hoping to have a closing on this at the same time as the real estate for WIC.
  - f. **Park Street School:** Bob showed the Board the current draft proposed plans for the potential redevelopment. This includes terracing tiered parking on the School District's property to tie it better with the downtown area.

**5) Other Business:**

- a. Economic Development District Update: Bob stated that Heather finished the Business Continuity Plan. This will be given out during regular “Business Visits”, going forward, by Bob or Heather.
- b. “Stronger Communities” Grants – Springfield, Chester, & Windsor Updates: Bob told the Board that Springfield and Chester’s committees were continuing to meet, post-project, and were making good progress. Windsor needs to accelerate their work to have their grant plan completed by summer.
- c. Southern Windsor County Incubator Update: Bob provided an update on SWCI and its role with the potential Park Street project. SWCI has received a few donations to support predevelopment work.
- d. “Opportunity Zone”: Bob said that the first draft of this will be released by ACCD tomorrow. He said he is cautiously optimistic that both Springfield census tracts will be included in the proposed recommendations.
- e. Legislative Update: Bob and Caitlin said that the Legislative breakfast went well. They said a main topic of discussion was the proposal to increase the minimum wage to \$15/hour by 2024.

**5) Executive Session:**

- 6) Adjourn: The meeting concluded at 8:46 am.

Respectfully,

Sandy Clifford

**Next Meeting – March 27, 2018**