# NASHVILLE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING DECEMBER 6, 2022

Commission members present: President Victor Bongard, Secretary Andi Wilson, and Member Lance Miller. Commission members not present: Vice-President Bob Willsey and Member Louis Klein. Also in attendance: Brown County Schools Representative Carol Bowden, Redevelopment Consultant Ed Curtin, and Town Manager Sandie Jones.

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Bongard called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

## 2. ROLL CALL

Town Manager Jones called the roll.

# 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES—SEPTEMBER 27, 2022, MEETING

Secretary Wilson moved to approve the September 27, 2022, meeting minutes as presented. Member Miller seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

### 4. REVIEW OF SUBMITTED RIVERFRONT RENEWALS:

#### A. BROWN BIKE

Member Miller noted that the current guidelines state that restaurants must be open at least 300 days. Brown Bike owner Doug Crook advised that the Brown Bike is open April through November, Thursdays through Sundays. President Bongard pointed out that the number of days is a guideline. Consultant Curtin commented that 300 days is an optimum number but to keep in mind the challenges, that include COVID, that businesses have faced over the last three years. It was also mentioned that the guidelines are not set in stone. Additionally, Mr. Crook reported that the business generates \$300,000 yearly and hires 16–20 employees when open. Discussion.

Secretary Wilson mentioned that if these are guidelines, the packet needs to change the wording. President Bongard noted that the Brown Bike seems to fit their other guidelines, and, therefore, would be in favor. President Bongard added that the guidelines could be reviewed and adjusted and to do this at the first 2023 meeting.

Secretary Wilson moved to approve the Brown Bike Riverfront renewal. Member Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor.

# **B. THE NASHVILLE HOUSE**

Representative Bowden pointed out that lots of people love their apple butter. Secretary Wilson asked owner Andi Bartels about the staffing. Owner Bartels responded that staffing fluctuates, but the core group is solid, and people enjoy the music. President Bongard moved to approve The Nashville House Riverfront renewal. Secretary Wilson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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# 5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

There was a discussion about cutting back the number of meetings. There was also a discussion about revisiting the riverfront guidelines. Consultant Curtin noted that if the guidelines required 300 days to be open, but a business was only open 299 days, would that cancel their riverfront license because the guidelines intend to provide a family-friendly environment? Discussion

President Bongard mentioned that he would like Consultant Curtin to provide an orientation for new members in 2023.

Consultant Curtin announced that there will be a READI 2.0 coming out in 2023. They may look at pairing with another region so they can get funding. But now it is time to start planning on what they want, who is the developer, etc.

# 6. ADJOURNMENT

Member Miller moved to adjourn the meeting. President Bongard adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

The audio recording made at the Redevelopment Commission meeting on December 6, 2022, is retained in the office of the Town Clerk-Treasurer.

Redevelopment Commission

President Victor Bongard