

HCDPA
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Special Meeting
July 12, 2017
1 North Front Street – 10:45 AM

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Tiffany Martin Hamilton, Mayor

Heather Campbell, Treasurer

Tom DePietro

Dan Tuczinski

Sheena Addresses the board by going over the history of the agency. Begun in 1966 to address urban blight through an urban renewal agency.

Our capacity has been limited to administering city grants for the last decade. We develop grants for the city and administer as we have for the DRI and CFA grants this year.

We need to discuss the financial position and what the city would like to do with the agency.

It seems like everyone agrees the agency should continue, but we need to decide what this will look like.

Heather asks what the benefit is to the city to have the agency. HCDPA has bonding ability that the city doesn't have.

Dan Tuczinski addresses the group and says that we need make the agency more useful and advance the city of Hudson by using the agencies better.

Dan has done research and says there is a way to make the director an employee of the city of Hudson and restructure accordingly that would be beneficial, but there has to be a will and funding to do so.

The group discusses the ability of HCDPA to focus in housing which could be beneficial with the future development of the waterfront.

Tom states that he would like for there to be a housing committee on council so that we can continue to have HCDPA in a relevant way with continuity.

The groups agrees that there is no historical knowledge that seems to be passed on with leadership changes.

The group discusses the possibility of having something like a city manager.

If there is money, the council would have to approve as the position could be an interim position. This position would 'oversee' and make sure that the council is working with all the agencies as a integrated plan.

Sheena suggest that there is a possibility to work with DPW and having a capital plan for the city that includes this position or additional headcount.

Sheena shares a possible structure with the group and they discuss the possibility.

The Mayor suggests that we consider selling one of the properties in order to extend the life into the new year so that we can have a little more time to implement plans.