



CITY OF NEW HAVEN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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Steve McMichael, Mayor

MEETING MINUTES NEW HAVEN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

DATE: May 14, 2024

LOCATION: City Hall – Community Room, 815 Lincoln Highway East, New Haven, Ind. 46774

MEMBER	APPOINTED BY	TERM EXPIRES	P	A
Jen Blackburn, School Board Advisory	Mayor	12/31/25	X	
April Clifton, Vice President	Mayor	12/31/25	X	
Craig Dellinger, Secretary	City Council	12/31/25		X
Nicole Keesling, President	City Council	12/31/25	X	
Tiffany Evans, Member	Mayor	12/31/25		X
Sara Swihart, Member	Mayor	12/31/25	X	

Staff Members in Attendance

- Pone Vongphachanh, Economic Development Director
- Cassidy Throm, Corporate Engagement Specialist
- Addison O'Neil, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Nicole Keesling.

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the March 13, 2025, meeting and determined that no changes were necessary. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Sara Swihart, seconded by April Clifton, and unanimously approved by the Commission.

Pone gave an overview of the process for establishing the new Interstate 469 and US 24 Economic Development Area and Allocation Area. Nicole then opened the public hearing on the proposed creation of the EDA and Allocation Area. After three calls for public comments and no responses, she closed the hearing. Following a discussion, Sara Swihart motioned to approve the confirmatory resolution. April Clifton seconded the motion, and the Commission approved it unanimously.

The HWC Engineering team presented their proposal for the Lincoln Highway Corridor Action Plan, outlining the project scope and cost justification. They detailed the three project phases and shared their relevant experience. The Commission asked several questions, but no action was taken on the proposal at this time.

Pone reviewed the engineering and bidding process for the Minnich Trail project, noting that bids were opened on May 2, 2025. API was identified as the lowest and most responsive bidder, and Pone recommended moving forward with the Notice of Award to API. April Clifton motioned to approve the Notice of Award for the Minnich Trail project. Sara Swihart seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Commission.

The Commission reviewed a resolution to allocate funds for the construction of the Minnich Trail. April Clifton motioned to approve the resolution allocating TIF funds for the project. Sara Swihart seconded

the motion, and the Commission approved it unanimously.

The Commission reviewed a resolution to fund the inspection of the Minnich Trail during construction. April Clifton motioned to approve the allocation of TIF funds for the inspection. Sara Swihart seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

With no further business, Sara Swihart moved to adjourn the meeting. April Clifton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Nicole Keesling, President

Craig Dellinger, Secretary