

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1994
 AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES
 6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD
 PORTAGE, INDIANA

Chairman George Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Nine (9) Commissioners were present. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

George Carlson
 Charles Agnew
 Steve Davis
 Robert Huffman
 Robert Trelo
 Arlene Colvin
 John DeMeo
 Nathaniel Leonard

+ *Emerson Delaney*

Visitors:

Herb Read - Izaak Walton
 Bill Petrites - Highland
 Ruth Mores - Hammond
 Jim Flora - R.W. Armstrong
 Joyce Russell - Post Tribune
 Dave Taborski - Black Oak
 Donald Shapiro - Highland
 Cecilia Wallace - NIRPC
 Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
 Ken Smith - Div. of Water, IDNR

Staff:

Jim Pokrajac
 Dan Gardner
 Lou Casale
 Sandy Mordus

The minutes of the October 6, 1994 meeting were approved by a motion from Chuck Agnew; motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report - A motion was made by Robert Trelo authorizing the Chairman to appoint a 1995 Nominating Committee; motion seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously. Chairman Mr. Carlson appointed Arlene Colvin, William Tanke and Robert Trelo to the committee with Arlene Colvin serving as Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Gardner gave a summary of the testimony presented to the State Budget hearing committee members on October 19th. He said the presentation went very well with key supporters speaking in behalf of the project. Attending were Col. Slockbower and Dave Hunter from the Corps; Lane Ralph, Asst. State Director with Senator Lugar's Office; Scott Golde, District Director of the Congressman's Office. Mayor Dedelow from Hammond and Deputy Mayor Comer from Gary stayed on to also give support to

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the project. They were in attendance for the Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission's hearing scheduled one half hour prior. Thank you letters have been mailed already. Questions from the budget hearing committee focused on scheduling and what the local communities are contributing. Dan will further address local community commitments in correspondence to the committee members. One issue Mr. Gardner focused on was the lack of ability to draw on the \$4 million of Build Indiana funds previously committed. The Commission still needs to set up a session with the legislators to update them and give them a clear understanding of the project's progress.

Mr. Gardner informed the Commission that much progress has been made with Gary Park & Rec since our last meeting. Attorney Greg Reising has been named the new contact person for the Gary Park Board and he has been actively working toward establishing an agreement between the Park Board and the Commission. We will be meeting again with him to further discussion of the issues.

Land Acquisition Committee - Land Acquisition Chairman Chuck Agnew made a motion to authorize a settlement price of \$7,700 on DC319 to avoid further condemnation costs (this was a property that had gone to court for condemnation); motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

He announced staff is working on lease preparation for the 1995 year.

Project Engineering Committee - Mr. Huffman reported that the construction at Stage II Phase 3A is about overall 95% complete. Staff and the Corps have had a walk-thru on completed Stages II-1, II-2 and III and a punch list of items have been documented and will be addressed. The completed areas will not be turned over to the Commission until an Operations/Maintenance manual has been given to us by the Corps.

Mr. Huffman spoke on the ongoing levee construction project at Wicker Park Manor. About 95% of the clay has been hauled and the overall completion is at about 67% complete. Staff will check with IDNR to get an update on what is happening with FEMA in regard to removing the area from the floodplain. A third status update has been mailed to the residents on River Drive. A landscaping contract will be needed as the next step. It has been discovered that there are some catch basin areas that may be used for interior drainage along River Drive thus eliminating water in the yards.

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Mr. Huffman also stated that the meeting was held with Black Oak residents near Burr Street on October 18th. The meeting went well and updated information was given out to the residents.

The Corps has not yet responded to the Commission's request to include a levee revision at Highland/Griffith as part of the overall Federal project.

Marina/Breakwater Committee - In Committee Chairman Bill Tanke's absence, Mr. Gardner gave the marina report. He informed the Board that he has been contacted by a private citizen from Ogden Dunes, Bill Suarez, who has requested some sand for the shoreline. He is in danger of losing his house and some shoring up with sand needs to happen. After some discussion, Bob Trelo made a motion to make available up to 10,000 yards of sand to Mr. Suarez under the following conditions: He would be responsible for making all arrangements with the site contractor; he would be responsible for obtaining any required permits or city approval; use the sand for shoreline mitigation; hold the Commission harmless; motion was seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Gardner stated that the town of Ogden Dunes has not come to the Commission to request any sand.

Chuck Agnew made a motion to approve authorization for Abonmarche to proceed with Authorization 7-I of the contract for November and December at a total cost not to exceed \$13,400 but with only 1/2 cost (\$6,700) being billed to this Commission; motion was seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gardner stated that the city has awarded the sheetpiling contract at its October 24th Public Works meeting. This will be the first actual construction at the marina site. Mr. Gardner announced there would be a groundbreaking ceremony scheduled November 18th at 1:00 at the site with a reception back at the NIRPC office.

Mr. Gardner also announced that the final Corps permit is in hand. John DeMeo made a motion for the Chairman to sign the final Corps permit; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gardner informed the Board that he had contacted the Chicago Corps office for their assistance to see if the Detroit Corps dredging permit that NIPSCO applied for could be modified to say the dredged sand would be placed as close as possible to the shore and as far west to the breakwater as possible. Commissioner Steve Davis said that the permit is in the appeal process. NIPSCO does not object and details are being worked out.

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Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer John DeMeo presented the financial status report for September as well as the claims amounting to \$614,969.03 plus an additional claim for \$1,700; motion seconded by Bob Trelo; motion passed unanimously.

Other Business - There was none.

Statements from the floor - There was none.

There being no further business, the next Commission meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 1994.

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