MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1995 AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES 6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD PORTAGE, INDIANA

Chairman George Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Ten (10) Commissioners were present. Quorum was declared and quests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

George Carlson
Charles Agnew
Steve Davis
Robert Huffman
Robert Trelo
John DeMeo
Nathaniel Leonard
William Tanke
Arlene Colvin
Emerson Delaney

Staff:

Jim Pokrajac Dan Gardner Lou Casale Sandy Mordus

<u>Visitors:</u>

Dave Taborski - Black Oak
Jim Flora - R.W.Armstrong
Cecilia Wallace - NIRPC
Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
Sheryl Freeland-McCrady Governor's Regional Office

The minutes of the December 7, 1994 meeting were approved by a motion from Chuck Agnew; motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

The Nominating Committee consisting of Bill Tanke, Bob Trelo and Arlene Colvin as Chairman gave their report. They presented a slate of officers consisting of:

Chairman - Charles Agnew Vice Chairman - William Tanke Treasurer - Nathaniel Leonard Secretary - Robert Huffman

There were no other nominations for any of the offices. Arlene Colvin made a motion to elect the presented slate of officers for 1995; motion seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

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Executive Director's Report - Mr. Gardner spoke on our continued efforts in working with the Gary Park Board attorney, Greg Reising, in trying to finalize the formal agreement between the Commission and the Gary Park Board. A final document should be forthcoming soon. Discussion involved the selection of an architect. Mr. Greg Jenkins will be the architect for the greenhouse development and possible driving range development. His fee will be part of the capped amount of the land value. Staff will meet with the architect before the next meeting. Mr. Agnew made a motion to tentatively accept Greg Jenkins as the architect pending a signed agreement with the Park Dept.

Attorney Casale read a resolution approving the Agreement with said conditions being attached to it. Resolution 95-1 is hereby made part of these minutes. The resolution was approved by a motion from Nathaniel Leonard; motion seconded by Robert Trelo; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gardner discussed the concern the Corps has about federal dollars being taken away if not spent. Mr. Gardner stressed the need to talk to as many legislators as possible. It is still hoped that we will be in the Governor's budget. The idea to have a legislative briefing called by the Congressman is still pending.

Mr. Gardner informed the Commission that he has just become aware that INDOT has dropped back the Grant Street interchange project. INDOT's commitment to do Grant Street is critical to our project. If Grant Street interchange is not reconstructed, the Corps plan will call for flood closure gates on Grant St., which everyone finds undesirable.

<u>Land Acquisition Committee</u> - Land Acquisition Chairman Chuck Agnew made a motion to authorize a settlement price of \$2400 on DC446 to avoid condemnation costs; motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gardner added that staff will be meeting with WHITECO tomorrow at Gary City Hall to discuss zoning of the signs and locations they are proposing.

<u>Project Engineering Committee</u> - Mr. Huffman reported that actual construction at Wicker Park Manor in Highland (Stage V-1) is on hold pending better weather. The project is 77% complete. The completion date is still at spring of 1995.

Mr. Huffman also reported that Northwest Indiana Water (Gary Hobart) has completed the installation for the relocation of the 36" water main west of Georgia St.

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Marina/Breakwater Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke referred to the weekly construction report letter from Abonmarche listing up-to-date marina progress. The sheetpiling and earth moving is still ongoing. Mr. Gardner added that John Hannon has just informed him that Crisman Sand will be taking some below grade sand. By mid summer, all remaining material should be out.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer John DeMeo made a motion to approve the financial status report for November as well as the claims amounting to \$33,174.73; motion seconded by Robert Huffman; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeMeo then presented the 1995 Service Agreement with NIRPC; there is very little change from last year's agreement. He made a motion to approve the Agreement; motion seconded by Emerson Delaney; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeMeo then presented the 1995 Operating Budget. He made a motion to accept the budget; motion seconded by Nathaniel Leonard; motion passed unanimously.

Other Business - Mr. Gardner informed the Commission that he will be interviewing several people for a real estate position so we can continue to focus on remaining land acquisition.

Statements from the floor - There were none.

There being no further business, the next Commission meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 1995.

/sjm

RESOLUTION 95-1 OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

WHEREAS, The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "COMMISSION") needs to acquire certain real property owned by the Gary Park and Recreation Department (hereinafter referred to as "GARY PARKS"); and,

WHEREAS, The COMMISSION and GARY PARKS desire to effectuate the transfer of said real property pursuant to the Agreement attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A" (hereinafter the "AGREEMENT");

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) The COMMISSION hereby approves the AGREEMENT and authorizes its duly elected and acting Chairman to execute same, on its behalf, upon the following conditions being met to the satisfaction of the COMMISSION Chairman, Land Acquisition Committee, Executive Director and Attorney:
 - a) The development of a final description of the necessary lands to be acquired from GARY PARKS by the COMMISSION, which shall be designated Exhibit "A" to the AGREEMENT.
 - b) The development of an agreed to general description of a new green house and golf driving range (including acceptable citing thereof), which shall be designated Exhibits "B" and "C" respectively.
 - c) The approval of a like Resolution by the GARY PARKS.