

**THE PORT OF GREATER CINCINNATI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2001
CINERGY BOARD ROOM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Jack Rouse called the March meeting of the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority to order at 7:30 AM.

II. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bailey, Clifford
Corathers, Robin
Fonner, John
George, Lou
Hale, Joe
Humes, Tom
Kull, Ron
Kearney, Eric
Love, Steve
Martin, Greg
Miller, Norm
Muller, Paul
Otto, Charlotte
Reid, Janet
Rouse, Jack
Siebenburgen, David
Vehr, Nick

ABSENT:

Byrd, Stephanie

STAFF

Cowherd, Toni
Satzger, Kim
Sharp, Tim

GUESTS:

Garden, Willie
Dober, Phil
Jones, Bruce
Prather, Dave
Ruehlmann, Mark

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Greg Martin moved the minutes of Thursday, February 8, 2001, meeting be approved. Steve Love seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

IV. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Search Committee Update

Steve Love

Ads for search firms to recruit the Port Board President were publicized locally as well as nationally. The RFPs were mailed to the firms that expressed an interest with a requested due date of February 28. Five companies responded, which were narrowed down to three by the Search Committee.

On March 9, the interview process of the three firms will be held from 10 AM - Noon at Jack Rouse Associates. As previously determined by the committee, certain criteria will be used as part of the process.

The committee is hopeful to make a decision on March 9, which will be communicated to the full Board.

B. Organizational Update

Tim Sharp

Interim Staff

Tim introduced Kim Satzger who will be acting as the new interim Port Board Secretary. Kim comes to the Port Board with an extensive background in planning and development. She also is familiar and has worked with the Brownfields as well as riverfront projects.

Finance Report

Phil Dober reported the Port has established a tax ID number and that bank accounts are open with various banks making the Port fiscally responsible.

Meetings are underway to finalize a budget, and also with the Chamber of Commerce to determine the assets and liabilities of the previous Brownfields Port Authority.

Meeting Schedule

Kim Satzger distributed a schedule of Board meetings; April through June with times alternating between 5 PM and 7:30 AM. Locations are yet to be determined, but will be throughout Hamilton County. No meetings will be held in July or August.

Board members also updated their pertinent mailing, email addresses, phone numbers, etc. Please contact Kim for any future changes.

Charlotte Otto noted that on the Committee Structure list, Nick Vehr's name should be deleted from the Communications & External Affairs committee.

C. Brownfields Update

John Fonner

John reported that the Brownfields Committee met on February 28. The work on the Development Plan is well underway and will be ready by July 1. Input from various community entities will be incorporated into the plan. John stated there is tremendous opportunity to redevelop areas that are underutilized and that it is a complex challenge to develop an integrated master plan. He also noted that there is good synergy between The Banks and the Brownfields project.

Currently, work is underway to develop an RFP for potential developers for the Port owned brownfield property. It is anticipated that the RFP will be presented to the full Board at its April meeting.

The Board's Brownfields tour was held on Saturday, March 3. John indicated that Randy Welker and Stacey Dietrich did a tremendous job in organizing the tour, and the Board members in attendance expressed their appreciation and felt the tour to be very worthwhile.

D. The Banks Update

Tom Humes

Tom Humes shared with the Board members The Frank Ferris Award he received on behalf of the Riverfront Advisors for outstanding planning. The plaque will be displayed in the office of the Port Board.

The Banks tour will be held Saturday, March 10, 2001, at 9 AM. A brief overview of the project will be given at the offices of SSD, and the bus tour will follow.

RFO/Market Study Update

Work on the RFQ continues, and it is anticipated the document will be ready for release within the next several months. Currently, meetings with all stakeholders are being held to include their input. Norm Miller is working with the consultants on the market study update, and hopes to have the report by April.

Central Riverfront Park Presentation

Dave Prather and Willie Garden reviewed and updated the group on the work to date for the International Friendship Park. The park is a wonderful opportunity to showcase sculptures, art, etc. It will also connect downtown to the river as never before, and will hold major festivals that will not disrupt downtown business.

The details for the Central Riverfront Park Financial Plan are still being refined.

Tom Flumes noted that it is crucial that the Port and Park Board work closely together to bring the Park and The Banks project to fruition.

Tom recommended that for future meetings, an educational session is included in the agenda to allow entities such as the Reds, Freedom Center, etc. update the group on their plans.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Greg Martin moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 AM. Norm Miller seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Cowherd
Acting Secretary