

**THE PORT OF GREATER CINCINNATI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2001
5:00 p.m. At the Office of the Port Authority**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Jack Rouse called the November meeting of the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority to order at 5:10 PM.

II. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Bailey, Clifford
Byrd, Stephanie
George, Lou
Humes, Tom

STAFF:

Sharp, Tim
Satzger, Kim
O'Hara, Annette

GUESTS:

Armsey, Steve	Neyer Properties
Bennett, Tammy	Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, LLP
Dober, Phil	Arthur Andersen
Hekler, Jodi	Dan Pinger Public Relations
Lewis, Donald	Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, LLP
Phillips, Bonnie	City of Cincinnati – Environmental Management
Ratterman, Ed	City of Cincinnati – Economic Development
Williams, John	Gonzalez, Saggio & Harlan

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Charlotte Otto moved that the Board move into executive session in order to discuss the Port Authority/Neyer Agreement. Jack Rouse seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

The Board moved into executive session at 5:11 p.m. The Board returned from executive session at 6:10 p.m. Jack Rouse then opened the meeting to the public.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Nick Vehr moved that the minutes of the Thursday, October 23, 2001 meeting be approved. David Siebenburgen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

V. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Brownfield Update

John Fonner

John Fonner indicated that since the Board approved Neyer Properties as the preferred developer at its September meeting, he and the Port staff have worked closely with Neyer representatives to negotiate the development agreement. He indicated that Neyer worked in a cooperative fashion and he thanked the Neyer representative in attendance at the meeting for Neyer's interest in and commitment to the Kemper Road project.

Tim Sharp introduced the Neyer Properties representative, Steve Armsey, to the Board. Mr. Armsey indicated that he looked forward to working on the redevelopment of the Kemper Road site with the Port Authority and thanked the Port Authority for its leadership in Hamilton County brownfield redevelopment.

MOTION: Nick Vehr made a motion to approve the Port Authority/Neyer Agreement and directed the staff to negotiate and execute the details of the agreement in compliance with all applicable laws. Norm Miller seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

B. Search Committee Update

Steve Love

Steve Love indicated that, as the President had been hired, the work of the Search Committee had been completed.

MOTION: Steve Love made a motion to dissolve the Search Committee. Charlotte Otto seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

C. The Banks Update

Jack Rouse

Jack Rouse informed the Board that the process for "short listing" the developers is proceeding and that the RFQ Working Group continues to meet to review and assess the RFQ Submittals.

Mr. Rouse then informed the Board that the Mayor (City of Cincinnati) recently proposed the expansion of the Port Authority's responsibilities to include economic development activities within the Cincinnati Central Business District.

D. Organizational Update

Tim Sharp

Tim Sharp informed the Board that, since the Mayor's public announcement of his proposal to expand the scope of the Port Authority, he has received numerous calls from people inquiring about employment opportunities at the Port Authority.

Steve Love asked how the issue of Board member terms should be handled for those members whose terms are about to expire. Jack Rouse explained that the Board member terms are staggered (one, two, and three year terms) and that the Port Authority is currently talking with its legal counsel to ascertain the procedure for reappointments or new appointments. He will inform the Board as to the proper procedure at the December meeting.

Eric Kearney asked if financial reports would be made at each board meeting. Jack Rouse and Tim Sharp said that in the future, a financial report will be given at Board meetings.

Paul Muller said that he will provide copies of the presentation he delivered in Cincinnati recently to all Board members.

Janet Reid commended the Board for the Port Authority's efforts toward economic inclusion and suggested that a separate committee should be formed to oversee compliance and implementation of the philosophy.

Nick Vehr raised the issue of campaign contributions by Board members to candidates for City of Cincinnati Council and Hamilton County Commission. He explained that he has written a document advising Board members not to make such contributions in order to avoid any appearance of impropriety. He further explained that the document would establish a policy recommendation, not a mandate.

Steve Love said that he disagreed with and is in opposition to a policy recommendation regarding campaign contributions. He said that many times the candidates that he supports do not have access to the traditional sources of funds and therefore his financial support is essential.

Nick Vehr suggested that the Board consider the proposal and postpone further discussion and the vote on the campaign contributions recommended policy until the December meeting.

Norm Miller said that Tim Sharp had represented the Port Authority well at the panel discussion sponsored by the University Of Cincinnati School Of Real Estate. The presentation featured The Banks project as a component of regional economic development and was attended by regional economic development professionals.

Eric Kearney congratulated Nick Vehr for his efforts toward Cincinnati's bid to host the 2012 Olympics. Nick Vehr thanked the Board for its participation and support.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: John Fonner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m. Jack Rouse seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Satzger
Assistant Secretary