

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (TIF) MEETING

APRIL 7, 2010

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Ken Dornich, Doug Fry, John Schmalenberg, Darrell Poling and Lowell Rethlake. Dave Weigel and City Attorney Tim Coriden were absent.

Discussion was held concerning the traffic light at Lincoln Street, Floral Court and Montgomery Road.

Darren Burkhart of HNTB presented the Tif Board with a cost of changing the original study and approved drawings.

Board member concerns are:

1. The traffic flow after Lincoln Street Project has been completed.
2. Not having a true intersection rather than a dogleg at Floral Court.

Darren Burkhart of HNTB raised the issue of Environmental if the Tif Board changes the original design. He also stressed safety if the change goes to INDOT.

Street Superintendent Mark Klosterkemper made the point that the Environmental issues are long, drawn out and very time consuming.

Darren Burkhart of HNTB explained the Supplemental Agreement #8 reconstruction cost would be an additional \$49,700.

A Board member questioned how the turn lane would help traffic flow. HNTB stated that a turn lane would help with the flow of traffic.

There would be the possibility of more traffic onto Floral Court due to the elimination of the south entrance of the existing empty gas station and exiting of Pizza King Patrons.

A Board Member spoke in favor of a true four way, with the dollars there now, the time to do it is now.

Another member questioned what if another business should happen to build where the furniture store had been on Floral Court.

Extra dollars should not be spent when the design has already been approved and three lanes should take care of the problem was a Board member's response.

Mark Klosterkemper Street Superintendent had spoken with Bart Kroger project foreman with O'Mara Contractors and he stated it would not take additional time.

A Board Member had talked with several of the merchants and they were not in favor of the traffic light being put back up at Lincoln Street, Floral Court and Montgomery Road. They worry about the light tripping. The Board member feels it would be dangerous without a traffic light there.

Several scenarios were presented by the Tif Board members and audience of how the intersection would be affected.

Mark Klosterkemper Street Superintendent made the issue that they could have the longest lead time over Environmental.

Motion by John Schmalenberg and seconded by Darrell Poling to approve \$13,000 towards the Supplemental Agreement #8 authorizing HNTB to do a traffic study and start on Environmental issues. Ayes Ken Dornich, Lowell Rethlake, Darrell Poling and John Schmalenberg. Nays none. So passed.

A city resident in the audience stated they were glad the Board was going forward with the study and feels the intersection should be straightened out as well.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER _____

Secretary

Note: Minutes were taken by Lowell Rethlake for Vietta McKinsey recording secretary of the meeting minutes.