

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON EDA BOARD HELD ON MAY 17, 2012, AT
6:00 P.M., AT THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Paul Whitcomb called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Members present were Victoria Hallin, Cindy Riddle, Mary Chapman, Thom Walker, and Grady Clark.

Absent was Charles Snustead

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 19, 2012

WALKER MOVED, SECOND BY HALLIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2012. UPON THE VOTE, THERE WERE 6 AYES, 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Bergstrom Property Purchase with NSP Funding

Fuhrman said that at the April EDA meeting, the EDA Board made a motion to offer to purchase the Bergstrom property for \$5,000, along with paying the taxes and closing costs, but with Habitat for Humanity sharing in the site preparation costs.

Fuhrman contacted Kathy Brodeen, the property conservator, and she verbally agreed to the offer. Fuhrman has also been in contact with Wayne from Habitat for Humanity, and he has brought the proposal to his Board. They are interested in participating, depending upon the costs of the site preparation work.

In regards to the site preparation costs:

Asbestos & Lead Testing: Fuhrman has received a quote from Midwest Environmental Consulting, LLC. Lakes and Pines had used them. They provided an estimate from \$611.00 to \$780, not to exceed \$780.

According to Midwest Environmental, if a controlled burn is done, the lead testing is not needed. Fuhrman is waiting for confirmation from Minnesota Housing regarding that.

Jim Roxbury, Princeton Fire & Rescue Chief, is looking into the company that he has hired in the past to check on their costs for testing.

Fire Department Costs: Approximately \$500.00

Site Clean-Up: West Branch Construction provided a verbal estimate of \$2,000.00 to clean up the site after the fire training exercise is completed.

These estimates are assuming there is a small amount or no asbestos. If asbestos is discovered during the testing, the demolition costs could rise significantly as someone will need to be hired to clear the debris from inside the home, remove the asbestos, and to demolish the home. The Fire Chief has indicated that by the time someone removes the debris and asbestos, it may as well be demolished versus being used as a fire training exercise.

Fuhrman said that Wayne Eller from Habitat for Humanity had emailed her and the Habitat Board is willing to consider cost sharing on this property. Habitat would fund up to \$2,500.00 towards the combined amount of the survey cost and legal fees. They have few funds for the demo cost so they are asking for an amount first before they can contribute to that cost. Fuhrman would like the EDA Board's direction on this.

WALKER MOVED, SECOND BY HALLIN, TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO DO AN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, INCLUDING ASBESTOS AND LEAD INSPECTION ON THE BERGSTROM PROPERTY AT 809 9TH AVENUE NORTH. DO NOT PROCEED WITH A PURCHASE AGREEMENT AT THIS TIME. UPON THE VOTE, THERE WERE 6 AYES, 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

MISCELLANEOUS:

A. EDA Balance Sheet

The EDA Board had no comments.

B. Verbal Report

The "It Starts Here" community meeting will begin tonight at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers. Fuhrman believes there should be a good turnout for the meeting and hopes it will be a positive direction in helping fill the vacant building sites downtown.

C. City Council and Planning Commission Minutes for April, 2012

The EDA Board had no comments.

HALLIN MOVED, SECOND BY CHAPMAN, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. UPON THE VOTE, THERE WERE 6 AYES, 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:08 P.M.

ATTEST:

Paul Whitcomb, President

Mary Lou DeWitt, Comm. Dev. Assistant