

**STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING
LORAIN PORT AUTHORITY
June 25, 2014**

Committee: Mrs. Cook; Messrs. Brown (6:47), Davila, Sommers and Williamson, Jr.

Board Members: Ms. Carr; Messrs. Mullins and Nielsen

Staff: Richard Novak, Executive Director

Guests: Rick Payerchin (6:50 p.m.) - Morning Journal
Gary Failor
Leon Mason

- I. **Roll Call** - The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Committee Chairman Neil Sommers. Roll call indicated a quorum was present.
- II. **Disposition of Minutes.** The minutes of March 11, 2014 Strategic Development Plan Committee Meeting minutes were presented for approval. Motion by Mr. Williamson, Jr. to accept the minutes. Support by Mr. Davila. Motion carried.
- III. **Report of Chairman.**

Mr. Novak introduced Mr. Failor as a Consultant and Mr. Mason from the City of Lorain. Mr. Mason took the floor and discussed TIF's and CRA's.

Mr. Failor added that the Port can own property, buy it, sell it or lease it.

Mr. Novak reviewed the real estate that the Port owns. The properties are a mixture of large parcels and small parcels. Mr. Novak stated that it comes down to does the Port want to hold on to these parcels or do we want to sell some parcels, use the money to acquire other parcels and see what a developer may want. Mr. Mullins stated that the Board needs to determine whether or not these parcels are to be sold and buy other larger pieces of property to draw industrial companies to Lorain. Mr. Mason indicated that the City of Lorain zoning needs to be updated.

Mr. Brown stated the Port Board needs to be united on decisions. Mr. Failor stated that there is a strategic role and a tactical role. The Board would be the strategic role and the staff would be the tactical role.

Mr. Mason indicated that the perception of Grants needs to change in the City of Lorain. Mr. Novak stated that the attitude in the Community needs to be that Developers are welcome, we will work with them and follow through with them.

Mr. Williamson, Jr. stated looking at the zoning restrictions is important. Ms. Carr stated that would be a City issue.

Mr. Failor indicated that this meeting is a very positive event, exchanging ideas between the City of Lorain and the Port Board. A plan should be put into place to establish a marketing plan for the Industrial Park off of Colorado Avenue in Lorain.

Ms. Carr asked what steps are to be taken. Mr. Failor suggested Mr. Novak contact the City to find out who can be assigned to work with Mr. Novak to develop a marketing plan for the Industrial Park on Colorado Avenue or Riverbend.

Mr. Williamson, Jr. made a motion to continue the collaborative efforts with the City in particular regarding the Colorado Industrial Park. Seconded by Mrs. Cook. Motion carried.

IV. Other Business – None.

V. Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Strategic Development Plan Committee, Mr. Davila made a motion to adjourn. Support by Mr. Brown. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Neil Sommers, Chairman

Richard M. Novak, Executive Director