



**APPROVED: March 18, 2015**

**CITY OF ALBANY  
Albany Revitalization Agency  
City Hall Council Chambers, 333 Broadalbin Street SW  
Wednesday, February 18, 2015**

**MINUTES**

Advisory Board Members present: Bill Coburn, Floyd Collins, Bessie Johnson, Rick Kellum, Sharon Konopa, Ray Kopczynski, Dick Olsen

Advisory Board Members absent: None

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Floyd Collins called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

January 14 2015

MOTION: Ray Kopczynski moved to approve the January 14 minutes as presented. Rich Kellum seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0.

**SCHEDULED BUSINESS**

Business from the Public

Tom Cordier, 2240 NW Park Terrace, referred to discussions about projects that CARA might potentially fund related to the fire and police facilities. Beyond the two \$700,000 expenditures that have been approved, he would like to know when other items might be proposed and considered.

Collins said a presentation will be made to Council next week regarding plans for both facilities and budget projections based on the renderings. The discussion may also include components of each project that could qualify for funding under the CARA criteria. Any funding of qualifying components would have to come back through the CARA Advisory Board for a recommendation that this body could then adopt or modify.

In response to further inquiry from Cordier, Economic Development & Urban Renewal Director Kate Porsche clarified that the consultant is preparing cost estimates for the buildings and that staff will recommend other components that could be considered for CARA funding. Cordier said he thinks it is important for the Council to have that information as soon as possible.

Cordier told of his experience at a recent public meeting where an audience member talked about how the increase in taxes would impact him and nobody addressed his concern. Collins said his impression was that the comment went toward how taxes are structured in the state system which went well beyond the issue at hand. His takeaway was that we need to be careful with how tax money is spent, and he agrees with that sentiment. Brief discussion followed.

Accepting Kevin Manske's resignation from the CARA Advisory Board

MOTION: Kopczynski moved to accept Manske's resignation and send a letter of appreciation for contributions made. Kellum seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0.

Appointing Betsy Penson to the CARA Advisory Board

MOTION: Kellum moved to appoint Betsy Penson to the CARA Advisory Board. Kopczynski seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0.

BUSINESS FROM THE AGENCY

There was no additional business from the Agency.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chair Collins adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Submitted by,

Reviewed by,

*Signature on File*

*Signature on File*

Teresa Nix  
Administrative Assistant  
Director

Kate Porsche  
Economic Development & Urban Renewal