



MEMORANDUM

To: City Councilors
From: Mayor Joe Peel
Date: July 30, 2013
Re: Consideration – Appointments to Joint Redevelopment Commission

BACKGROUND:

In 1995, the City and Pasquotank County created the Joint Redevelopment Commission (JRC). The purpose behind the Commission was to address blighted conditions within the City and County. Since 1995, the main focus of the JRC has been on the Fairgrounds redevelopment project. This is the area that extends from the railroad tracks to Parsonage Street Extended to the Perry Glass facility.

ANALYSIS:

The JRC purchased and tore down a number of dilapidated structures in the Fairgrounds project area. Over the years, the JRC has used the power of Eminent Domain to acquire some of the properties. It has been a challenge to the JRC to utilize Eminent Domain due to the large concentration of “heired” properties in the project area and in determining the ownership of approximately five lots. The JRC has taken possession of these five lots, but the Court will determine the fair market value. Several of these Eminent Domain cases are on the Court docket in October. County Attorney Mike Cox, who serves as the attorney for the JRC, would like to reactivate the JRC in anticipation of the Court hearings.

Planning Director June Brooks and Public Works Director Paul Fredette served on the JRC previously and I would like to reappoint them. I would also like to appoint Councilman Tony Stimatz as the Council representative on the JRC. Councilman Stimatz is very familiar with the area in question since the Storm Water Advisory Board has recently been working in this area.

RECOMMENDATION:

By motion, appoint June Brooks, Paul Fredette and Tony Stimatz to the Joint Redevelopment Commission.

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