

LIFT Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019

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Roll Call: Meeting was called to order at 6:30. Members Kevin Seiler, Carol Brzeczek, Cindy Christensen, Jason Henderson, Jack Rychucky, Joseph Orrino and Bill Hopping, were present. Steve Kemp was also present.

Approval of the Agenda

Seiler requested a motion to move the election of officers to the next agenda item. Brzeczek moved to move agenda item number 8 (Elections) up under number 2 (Roll Call). Henderson seconded and motion was approved 7/0.

Brzeczek suggested that LIFT should approve the posting location for agendas as required to do so at the first meeting of the year by the Open Meetings Law. Seiler said he was not aware of the requirement and if it were on the agenda we would not be allowed to vote on it until the next meeting. Kemp acknowledged that it is a requirement but there is no penalty for not taking action so it can happen at the next meeting.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Kemp explained how the election process would take place. Orrino asked about the possibility of electing a recording secretary. Kemp said LIFT, according to statute, could have a recording secretary but he would recommend that it be put on the next agenda to amend the by-laws to add the secretary. Seiler said the by-laws already recognize the position of secretary but the previous LIFT board chose not to fill it – it could be a paid position. He planned on putting it on the agenda next month to discuss how to move forward.

Hopping nominated Seiler for Chair. Hopping moved to close the nominations and Henderson seconded. Nominations were closed by a vote of 7/0. Motion was made by Henderson and seconded by Christensen to elect Seiler chair by acclamation. Motion passed 7/0.

Henderson nominated Christensen for Vice Chair. Orrino nominated Brzeczek for Vice Chair. Seiler moved to close the nominations with a second by Henderson. Motion was approved 7/0. Brzeczek received votes from Orrino, Rychucky and Brzeczek. Christensen received votes from Seiler, Hopping, Henderson and Christensen.

Minutes

Henderson moved to approve the minutes of the December LIFT meeting and Orrino seconded. Hopping noted that the date should be the 13th and not the 10th and the word agenda should read minutes in line 10. Brzeczek, addressing the same paragraph said she wasn't sure who seconded the motion as it is difficult to hear while she takes minutes and it doesn't come through on the video well either. She requested it be

verbalized as to who makes and seconds the motions in the future. There was no correction for the makers of the motion Brzeczek questioned. Seiler noted that his name was misspelled in lines 40, 58 and 70. Orrino moved to amend the minutes by changing the date from the 13th to the 10th, changing the word agenda to minutes and correct the spelling of Seiler's name in lines 40, 58 and 75. Brzeczek seconded and motion passed 7/0. Main motion passed 7/0.

Public Comment

Pam Chadbourne thought her comments, as recorded in the minutes just approved, were not accurately reflected. She asked LIFT to get a legal understanding of whether or not the streetscapes are included in the urban renewal plan area. Littleton does not have blight and she does not think an aggressive use of urban renewal is appropriate for Littleton. Some people's definition of moving forward is not the same as another's. Community character is important and we have inherited a certain kind of zoning and land use policies that created the character that people love and it is different from other places and it gives people an option of where they want to live. I don't want us to look like everywhere else especially with what they are building everywhere. I do not support an aggressive use of urban renewal.

Jeanie Erickson said her comments in the December minutes were accurate and her name was not misspelled. However, Carol Brzeczek's name has been mispronounced a number of times by members of the LIFT Board.

Committee Reports

Rychecky reported for the Application Documents subcommittee that there would be no report as no comments were submitted by other members. He asked members to provide comments – spend an hour and send comment via email for consideration.

Seiler asked the board to take Rychecky's comments seriously as we need to move this to closure.

Kemp will review the document once the final draft is completed.

The deadline to submit comments is February 4th.

Public Comment

None

Henderson moved to adjourn. Christensen seconded and motion was approved 7/0 at 7:05pm.

Meeting adjourned.