

City of Charlotte

Local Development Finance Authority

Special Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2015

I. Call to Order

Daryl Baker called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Bryan Myrkle called the roll. Present were Daryl Baker, Claudine Williams, Mark Rosekranz, Yvonne Ridge, David Smith, and Mayor Burch.

III. Call to the Public

There were no members of the public present to address the LDFA Board.

IV. Business Agenda

A. Discussion and recommendation – Proposal from Charlotte

Recreation Co-op – Bryan Myrkle introduced a proposal from the Charlotte Recreation Co-op for its potential development of a softball complex on property purchased by the LDFA in 2000 for the purposes of industrial use, but which has remained undeveloped.

Ron Hunt, representing the co-op, spoke about the recent history of the recreation co-op, the community need for the softball project, and some of the alternative sites they have already considered.

Members of the LDFA Board inquired about several aspects of the proposed softball complex, including the amount and basic times it would operate, the effect it might have on the rest of the industrial park, and any effect it could have on nearby residential properties.

The board also discussed potential access to the site, including driveway routes and parking areas.

William White addressed the LDFA board on behalf of the Kiwanis Club and said that organization also wants to help with this project. He said that he thinks other local service organizations will want to help, too.

The possible development of the Crandall Lake site as a public park was discussed in more detail, but rec co-op representatives said that site was several years away from development under the most favorable circumstances, and may not be developed at all.

Several pros and cons of the LDFA-owned site were discussed in more detail by the board, especially in terms of its desirability as an industrial site.

John Greenslit spoke to the board about the unique recreation funding arrangement here in Charlotte, which is contributed to by not only the City, but also the neighboring townships. He said this collaboration would be helpful as the co-op seeks grant funding for its projects. He spoke about the competitive nature of DNR grants, and several other hurdles he anticipates for funding this project.

City Manager Gregg Guetschow talked about the need for a lease agreement between the LDFA and Recreation Co-operative that would allow for this project.

Daryl Baker spoke about the need to inform residents in the neighborhood about the project before making a final decision.

The board also discussed whether the LDFA helping to fund a roadway to the site would be a justifiable LDFA expense.

No action was taken on this item, however the board agreed to meet again on March 4 at 5:30 p.m. to continue the discussion and work toward a decision.

- V. Adjournment** – There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.