



# ***Revitalization Commission***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

**March 10, 2005**  
**City Hall, Council Chambers**  
**749 Main Street**  
**7:30 AM**

**Call to Order** Chairperson Sisk called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM

**Roll Call** was taken and the following members were present:

Board Members Present: Mayor Chuck Sisk, Michael Reis, Bob Tofte, Clair Beckmann

Board Members Absent: Rob Lathrop

Staff Members Present: William Simmons, Heather Balsler, Paul Wood, Kenneth Johnstone, Sam Light

**Approval of Agenda** The agenda was approved by all members.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes** The minutes from the February 17, 2005 meeting were approved as written

**Public Comments** Michael and Scott Deborski, business owners within the Highway 42 area, were present at the meeting as well as Randy Caranci, a business and property owner in the area.

### **Business Matters of Commission**

- a. Update from Leland Consulting Group on Conditions Survey, Revised Date of Public Workshop - The Commissioners reviewed the conditions criteria for blight in the study area as presented by Ted Kamp, consultant with the Leland Group. Maps of each criteria and where such condition was present in the study area were provided as well as a summary map showcasing the presence of all conditions within the study area. The consultants are waiting for some additional information from the US 36 EIS team on environmental contamination issues as well as sprinkler information from the Fire District on businesses in the study area. The maps may change slightly should additional criteria be met for blight based on contamination or non-sprinklered facilities. Once all the information has been finalized, Leland Consulting Group will provide a

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- draft report on the Conditions Survey. This report will be presented to the commercial business and property owners, along with residents and tenants at a public meeting scheduled for April 6. The LRC will meet on April 14 at its regularly scheduled meeting to further review the Draft Conditions Survey and make a recommendation to City Council on the acceptance of findings. Should the Commission recommend approval of the Conditions Survey, the document will proceed to City Council for review and further approval at the April 19 or May 3 City Council meeting.
- b. Initiative 200 Charter Amendments – Draft Resolution No. 05-02, Amended Bylaws – LRC Attorney Sam Light provided a memo to the LRC regarding the treatment of the Louisville Revitalization Commission Under Ballot Issue 200 that states the LRC in his opinion is not a board or commission within the meaning of Ballot Issue 200, but instead a separate body corporate and politic which was organized pursuant to applicable state law and which exercises its own statutory powers. He further explained that the LRC was not created by or pursuant to the Charter, and is not an advisory board to City Council. As such, the LRC is not required to comply with the additional open government requirements of Ballot Issue 200, though it may adopt some or all of such requirements if desired. The LRC proceeded to approve Resolution No. 05-02 revising the LRC bylaws to incorporate a number of the Ballot Issue 200 requirements, including those pertaining to study sessions, notice and meeting locations, agendas, agenda-related materials and a communications file.
  - c. Planning Department Update on Highway 42 Area Activities - Ken Johnstone, Principal Planner stated that a meeting of the Highway 42 Working Group has been scheduled to review draft documents for a new mixed use zoning district and associated design standards for the Highway 42 Revitalization Area. Ken will provide an update at the next LRC meeting as well as copies of the documents for discussion. Ken also stated that the environmental assessment work to be prepared in conjunction with the EPA Bronwfields Grant for the area is slow to begin but should commence activity in the next few weeks.
  - d. Next Meeting Items – 1) Update from Leland Consulting on Conditions Survey – Recap of April 6 Public Meetings, Review of Draft Conditions Survey Report, Timeline 2) LRC Recommendation to City Council Regarding Conditions Survey 3) Planning Department Update on Highway 42 Area Activities 4) Next Meeting Items 5) Next Meeting Date
  - e. Next Meeting Date – April 14, 2005

**Commissioners' Comments** The Commissioners provided this opportunity to Michael Deborski and Randy Caranci, business and land owners in the area, to discuss comments/concerns with the Conditions Survey.