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Governance Committee Meeting
January 14, 2024, 8:30am
Blasdell Village Hall

Present

Davis Podkulski
Bob Hutchison
Jamel Perkins – via zoom

Guests

Mary Doran

Executive Director

Sean Doyle

Director Doyle opened the committee meeting at 8:56am.

Doyle stated he will begin the yearly readopting all the HIDA policies over the next few board meetings.

He has reviewed the existing fee schedule with Attorney Strong and the Executive Committee and taken their recommendations into account. Currently, the HIDA is not seeing the 12 month timeline achievable for the completion of projects. The HIDA needs to balance extension fees and overcharging.

Fee Schedule Scenarios:

1. 24 month approval with standard fee (it is currently 12 month)
Longer than 24 months charge a .25% fee for each 12 month extension, (.25% co-insides with current HIDA fee schedule)
2. Charge by project amount
3. Have developer present a timeframe

Doyle asked committee for their suggestions:

Hutchison, thinks a 24 month approval with fee for extension after 24 months is reasonable. He would like to see updates from the developer on the project.

Perkins, wanted to know if 24 is the right number. Is there any evidence from other IDAs on timeframe of projects? Should it be 18 months?

Doyle stated the ECIDA lets the developer set the timeframe. In Western New York the HIDA is the only IDA charging extension fees because there is a value of money lost over time and the developer should be held accountable. The fee should not be arbitrarily.

The committee agreed on the 24 month timeline with extension fees charged after 24 months.

Doyle will draft an amended policy to present at the next board meeting.

Meeting adjoined at 9:05am

Sincerely,

Sean Doyle, Executive Director