

**Tompkins County Development Corp.
Board of Directors Meeting Approved Minutes
September 20, 2012
Tompkins County Public Library
Borg Warner East Room
101 E. Green Street, Ithaca, NY**

Present: Martha Robertson, Larry Baum, Svante Myrick, Jim Dennis, Will Burbank, Nathan Shinagawa

Excused: Jeff Furman

Staff Present: Heather Filiberto, Manesh Patel (Harris Beach), Ina Arthur (recording)

Guests Present: Annie Wall (Kendal at Ithaca),

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 3:40 PM

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - NONE

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR - NONE

BUSINESS

Kendal at Ithaca Refinance Bond Final Approval

Ms. Robertson noted that the Tompkins County Legislature approved the Kendal at Ithaca Bond Resolution at its September 18, 2012 meeting.

Mr. Dennis commented that the reason he voted against that resolution was due to the additional language put into the resolution.

Nathan Shinagawa moved to approved the Kendal at Ithaca Refinance Bond as presented to the TCDC Board. Larry Baum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (Yes – 6, Absent 1)

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Filiberto reported on the status of the CIIP/Density Policy revisions by the City of Ithaca. She reported that the staff had made the changes that were suggested both by the IDA Board and the City Planning Committee. Those revisions were presented to the City Planning Committee on September 20th. At this meeting, the planning committee seemed to have more questions and want to move back to the original policy in terms of sustainability, energy efficiency, and community benefits.

Mr. Myrick commented that he was not able to attend that meeting. He did watch the video. There was one committee member who was there that felt differently than others about and seemed to sway the other committee members. Also, Jeff Furman attended the meeting as a member of the public but also

identified himself as and IDA Board member. He was invited to sit at the table and participate in the discussion by the committee.

Mr. Myrick feels that the committee should regroup and refocus on their original intent of making the policy very straight forward and easier for developers to access. Committee members need to be educated as to how benefits they want can be attained by other tools that the City has.

Mr. Dennis stated that businesses already have a lot of “hoops” to jump through in this county and what needs to be changed is the culture of the policy makers.

Ms. Filiberto stated that the current Density Policy will expire on December 31, 2012 unless the board votes to extend it.

Mr. Burbank commented that the fact that City Planning Committee had questions or concerns should not be dismissed.

Ms. Robertson expressed her concern about the impression Mr. Furman made at the meeting in terms of “speaking for the full board.”

MINUTES

Minutes will be considered at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM

Minutes approved at October 18, 2012 board meeting.