



REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022  
SAM KING ROOM  
2:30 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Bojo (Chair), Elaina Beeman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sammy Rich, Toni Rhinehart, Meredith Ulmer, Doug Walker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Bojo called the meeting to order. The minutes of the May 11, 2022, Called Redevelopment Committee meeting were approved by common consent.

UPDATE - MARTHA BERRY TAD:

Geoff Koski, from KB Advisory Group, joined via Zoom to answer any questions about the proposed TAD for the Martha Berry corridor that was discussed at the last meeting. Both Chairman Bojo and Commissioner Beeman stated that they were happy with the designated area. The group discussed the possibility of developers starting a project before the TAD was approved and whether they could apply for TAD funding once a TAD was established. Koski stated that there is no legal reason that they couldn't be given TAD funds and that it would be up to the city to determine how such requests would be handled. No vote was taken on moving forward with the Martha Berry TAD, but the committee will discuss again at the next meeting and will have ample time to have the TAD approved for a January 1, 2023, start date.

UPDATE - NORTH ROME TAD:

Rich provided the group with an updated map of the North Rome TAD with the boundary line extended to include Burnett Street to the east and following the Norfolk Southern line northward to North Avenue. Koski stated that extending the boundary would add an additional \$5.3 million FMV of additional properties. There was discussion about extending the southern boundary to possibly include the Gibbons Street location. Commissioner Beeman stated that she would like some time to be able to drive through the areas to see what parcels would be included. Koski stated that he would update the North Rome TAD to include the additional areas discussed. The committee will continue to discuss this TAD area at the next meeting.

EAGLE PARK UPDATE:

Rich stated that he discussed John Mayes' request to purchase 20 feet of city-owned property, adjacent to his business, at the Parks and Recreation meeting last week. At the May 11<sup>th</sup> Redevelopment Committee meeting, the committee voted to declare the property surplus so that it could be purchased by Mayes. The Parks & Rec committee were not in agreement and had a unanimous vote in opposition to the city's decision to sell the property. The property is part of Eagle Park and since they are currently in the process of developing a 10-year comprehensive plan, they did not feel that any portion of the park should be sold. Rich mentioned that even though Parks and Rec were not in support, the property ultimately belong to the city and that the decision to sell the property as surplus will be taken to the Rome City Commission meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> for a vote.

POSSIBLE ANNEXATIONS:

Chairman Bojo stated that he would prefer any annexation discussions be done after the city and county complete their LOST negotiations. The group agreed that they would table the topic until later in the year.

Chairman Bojo adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelley Parker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Kelley Parker  
Assistant to the City Manager