

# SPECIAL

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## OPENING OF MEETING

Mr. Ritter called the meeting to order at 5:00PM. All Board members were in attendance, along with Mr. Meloy, Mr. Milz, Mrs. LeCount and Mr. Reutelshofer.

Mr. Ritter asked those in attendance to introduce themselves, including NWLSD Superintendent Todd Bowling, Treasurer Amy Wells and Business Director Chris McKee.

## PRESENTATION REDEVELOPMENT OF JONROSE AVENUE

Mr. Ritter said this is a meeting about the redevelopment of Jonrose Ave.

Mr. Milz provided history of the project and the area, including the crime history and blight. He said this is in a community reinvestment area. He said we have garnered much support around the community, with Rep. Blessing, NWLSD, Jim Eckhoff, Plumbing, and Cincinnati Mining Machine. He said we have received feedback from the community that they like the idea of what CMHA is proposing. Also, NWLSD is doing to double in size of Struble Elementary. There are other economic development opportunities in the community too. Jonrose Ave. will be vacated. This is significant capital investment.

Mr. Milz said the problem is with the timing of the finances. He said the low income tax credits require that they close min-December. CMHA must control the property and Jonrose must be vacated.

Mr. Milz said Kleingers is doing a traffic study because the combination of the new school and this project, increased traffic problems.

Gina Gehm and Joe Norton from CMHA also joined the meeting.

The questions now are about funding and who will pay for what. There will be a loss of funding if the project doesn't close on time.

Mr. Ritter said the level of growth on Colerain has not as much on the southern side. He said he is aware of the practical realities with general fund dollars. He supports the project, but with a cap.

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Mr. Insco said that it comes down to numbers. He's not in favor due to other projects.

Mr. Inderhees said we have no money for our roads, but we need to ensure these projects go forward. We need to help kick-start the economic development of this area. He supports being a partner at a figure not to exceed \$360,000.

Ms. Gehm said the bids came in 40% higher than expected. They don't have the ability to support any more expenses and are jeopardizing other sources by increasing total cost.

Mr. Ritter said he would support a 50/50 cost sharing, at \$350,000. He said he is aware we need to hold water with the residents.

Todd Bowling spoke about the construction done to the neighborhood. He asked if a gate could be installed to allow busses a short cut through the project.

Mr. Morton said this would come down to board approval. He said the staff thinks this is a good compromise and would support this.

Mr. Bowling said that they want this to work and this will only help the community. He said the funding partnership with the Township doesn't mean they will stop pursuing the county for funds. There should be something done to the road.

Mr. Inderhees said the intersection is already a problem.

The Board agreed to the \$350,000 not to exceed and to split costs evenly.

Mr. Ritter said the NWLSD should cover any excess.

Mr. Meloy said the most important goal is to get the commitment to partner.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Insco motioned for adjournment. Mr. Inderhees offered a second. The roll was called:


Mr. Inderhees. "Aye"

Mr. Insco. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

  
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