

**REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY**  
**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING**  
**ONE CHATHAM CENTER**  
**BOARD ROOM, 9<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**  
**112 WASHINGTON PLACE, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA**  
**April 25, 2014—11:30 a.m.**

The Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County was held on Friday, April 25, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. in the Board Room, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, One Chatham Center, 112 Washington Place, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219.

Board Members present were: William Brooks, Donald Smith, Senator Wayne Fontana, Doris Carson-Williams, and Herky Pollock.

Also present were: Steve Papernick, Authority Solicitor; Dennis Davin, Director; Robert Hurley, Deputy Director; Jack Exler, Deputy Director; Samuel Bozzolla, Project Manager; Angie Hicks, Project Manager; Adrienne Frazier, Administrative Assistant; Tom McGrath, Fiscal Manager; Anita Truss, Senior Accountant; Alex Smith, Project Manager; Maurice Strul, Assistant Director; Lance Chimka, Manager; Maureen Quinn, Project Manager; Nathan Wetzel, Assistant Manager; Heather Westenzweig, Redevelopment Coordinator; Erin Deasy, Project Manager; Dane Yancic, Project Manager; Leandra Dimate, Project Manager; Vin Ly, Project Manager; Daniel Tobin, Project Manager; Bud Simon, Project Manager; Ann Ogoreuc, Transportation Manager; Carl Lukitsch, Project Manager; Andrew Hartwell, Project Manager; Robert Frank, Project Manager; Cassa Collinge, Manager; Peter Rubash, Project Manager; Michelle Capuano, Executive Office Manager; Bud Schubel, Construction Manager; Heather Schultz, Project Manager; and Davina Ott, Project Manager.

Others present were: Sam Spatter, Tribune Review; Karen Fosbaugh and Bruce Beaver, South Park Township; Thomas Knestaut and Dave Hinerman, Buena Vista Volunteer Fire Company; Carl Mancuso, Tracey Farrar, and Brian Skwirt, Pittsburgh Symphony, Inc.; Emily Keebler, Kiva; Dean Richardson and Gregg Bernaciak, Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC; Jay Carson, Robert Morris University; Gordon Manker and Pam Wilbon; Pittsburgh Community Services Inc.; Justin Brown and John Paul Jones, The Education Partnership; James McCarthy, Piper Jaffray & Co.; Lena Andrews, Action Housing Inc.; Melanie Harenski, Allegheny County Controller's Office; Ellen McLean and Edward Tyfanski, Port Authority of Allegheny County; Thomas Walenchok and Andrew Wimbish, ParenteBreard LLC; and Lisa Kunst Vavro, Penn State Center.

**I. ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order, roll was called and a quorum was present.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES—FEBRUARY 21, 2014**

ON A MOTION MADE BY DR. SMITH AND SECONDED BY MS. WILLIAMS, THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**III. RATIFICATION OF BILLS**

Ms. Williams reviewed the Ratification of Bills Payable for the months of February and March, 2014 and found them to be in good and proper order.

ON A MOTION MADE BY DR. SMITH AND SECONDED BY MR. POLLOCK, THE RATIFICATION OF THE BILLS WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM FUND (CITF) –AIRPORT STORM SEWER REHAB**

Request Authorization to: (i) amend the existing agreement with Allegheny County Airport Authority to help finance the Airport Storm Sewer Rehab project; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

The original contact for \$100,000 was approved September 28, 2011. Allegheny County Airport Authority is requesting to amend their scope of services to include engineering and construction management costs. After the construction costs came in lower than expected they would like to use the balance of grant funds to capture the engineering and construction management costs for the project.

This project involves the repair and rehabilitation of the primary storm water culverts under the airfield at Pittsburgh International Airport. The repairs and rehabilitation has been done to 18,970 linear feet of underground storm water culverts, 440 cubic yards of concrete replacement, 1,615 square feet of concrete repair, 2,070 linear feet of crack repair or sealing, and 2,000 linear feet of conduit.

ON A MOTION MADE BY MS. WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY SENATOR FONTANA, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**B. SPORTS LEGACY FOUNDATION – MONTOUR JUNCTION PROPERTY**

Request authorization to: (i) amend the existing contract with CDM Smith for \$659,900 to reflect an increase in the amount of funding by \$23,000 for a total not to exceed \$682,900 for additional required engineering services at the proposed 78 acre sports field complex located in Moon Township, Robinson Twp. and Coraopolis Borough; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

The Engineering firm, CDM Smith, who is currently working on engineering and design of the proposed Sports and Athletic complex at Montour Junction, is required by PennDOT to include a right-of-way plan and minimum use driveway permit applications and design. Funding shall come from Community Development Block Grant funds.

ON A MOTION MADE BY DR. SMITH AND SECONDED BY MS. WILLIAMS, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. GENERAL PURPOSE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS- DECEMBER 31, 2013**

Request authorization to: (i) accept the General Purpose Audited Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2013; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with solicitor approval.

The Audit Committee consisting of board members Bill Brooks and Don Smith members of staff, representatives from the Allegheny County Controllers office, and members of the auditing firm of ParenteBeard LLC met and discussed the audited financial statements.

Mr. Brooks asked Mr. Walenchok of ParenteBeard LLC if he wanted to speak with any of the board members without management present. Mr. Walenchok replied that there is no need to meet with the board without management present because the audit contained an unqualified opinion.

ON A MOTION MADE BY MS. WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY SENATOR FONTANA, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**B. OHIO TOWNSHIP TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF)- REFUNDING PROJECT**

Request authorization to: (i) issue Guaranteed Redevelopment Tax Increment Revenue Refunding Bonds (Ohio Township/Mt. Nebo Pointe Project), Series of 2014 (the "Bonds"), in an amount not to exceed \$6,300,000, for the purpose of financing all or a portion of the costs of the following project consisting of: (a) refunding the Authority's Guaranteed Redevelopment Tax Increment Revenue Bonds (Ohio Township/Mt. Nebo Pointe Project), 2003 Series A, (b) funding a debt service reserve fund, (c) providing capitalized interest, if necessary (d) obtaining municipal bond insurance, if necessary, (e) obtaining a debt service reserve surety bond, if necessary (f) paying certain costs of the financing (collectively, the "Refunding Project"); and (ii) allow the Director to execute all the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

The Indenture will amend and restate the Indenture of Trust dated as of December 1, 2003, between the Authority and U.S. Bank National Association (successor trustee to National City Bank of Pennsylvania).

The Bonds shall be special limited obligations of the Authority payable only from (i) moneys and properties held by the Trustee under the Indenture, and the security thereof, (ii) payments of TIF Revenues under the Cooperation Agreement dated as of December 1, 2003 by and among the Township of Ohio (the "Township"), the County of Allegheny, the Avonworth School District and the Authority, and (iii) payments made by the Township under a Guaranty Agreement by and among the Township, the Authority and the Trustee.

ON A MOTION MADE BY DR. SMITH AND SECONDED BY MS. WILLIAMS, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**C. REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY (RAAC) PROPERTY-DEED TRANSFER**

Request authorization to: (i) transfer the deeds of three RAAC owned parcels located in the Borough of Coraopolis to the Borough of Coraopolis; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

These three parcels are currently maintained by the Coraopolis Water and Sewer Authority (CWSA) but are owned by RAAC. Water wells exist on the properties and the CWSA would like to replace these aging wells.

ON A MOTION MADE BY SENATOR FONTANA AND SECONDED BY MR. POLLOCK, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**D. WILKINSBURG TRAIN STATION WILKINSBURG TRAIN STATION – PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC AND MUSEUM COMMISSION (PHMC) GRANT APPLICATION**

Request authorization to: (i) ratify an application submitted to PHMC for an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the Wilkinsburg Train Station in Wilkinsburg Borough; (ii) accept said funding; and (iii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

The funds will be utilized to stabilize the Wilkinsburg Train Station in the Borough of Wilkinsburg, on Hay St. at Ross Ave.. Work will primarily consist of stabilization of the shell including repair of the brick, concrete, and removal of ivy that is undermining the mortar of the structure. Constructed in 1916 but vacant since the 1960s, the interior of the Train Station is deteriorating rapidly due to large openings in the roof that let in rain water and snow. The shell of the building must be repaired before any renovation of the interior can take place.

ON A MOTION MADE BY DR. SMITH AND SECONDED BY MS. WILLIAMS, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**E. WILKINSBURG TRAIN STATION – COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND TOURISM FUND (CITF) GRANT APPLICATION**

Request authorization to: (i) ratify an application submitted to the CITF for an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the Wilkinsburg Train Station in Wilkinsburg Borough; (ii) accept said funds; and (iii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

The funds will be utilized to stabilize the Wilkinsburg Train Station in the Borough of Wilkinsburg, on Hay St. at Ross Ave.. Work will primarily consist of stabilization and replacement of the existing roof. A study of the roof was performed by A&A Consultants, Inc. and will form the basis for construction plans. Constructed in 1916 but vacant since the 1960s, the interior of the Train Station is deteriorating rapidly due to large openings in the roof that let in rain water and snow. The shell of the building must be repaired before any renovation of the interior can take place.

ON A MOTION MADE BY MS. WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY MR. POLLOCK, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**F. CARRIE FURNACE REDEVELOPMENT- COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND TOURISM FUND (CITF) GRANT APPLICATION**

Request authorization to: (i) ratify an application submitted to CITF for an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the Carrie Furnace Redevelopment Project located in the Borough of Rankin; (ii) accept said funds; and (iii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

Funding will be used towards grading of the site as well as design, engineering and construction costs associated with the extension of an access road through the site from the newly constructed flyover bridge. The total project cost for this project is expected to be \$1.5 Million. The final development will consist of approximately 60 pad-ready acres with access via the newly constructed \$10 Million flyover bridge.

ON A MOTION MADE BY DR. SMITH AND SECONDED BY MS. WILLIAMS, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**G. ALLEGHENY RESTORES-COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND TOURISM FUND (CITF) GRANT APPLICATION**

Request authorization to: (i) ratify a grant application submitted to the Community Infrastructure and Tourism Fund (CITF) in the amount of \$250,000 to complete façade renovations in designated communities; (ii) accept said grant; and (iii) allow the Director to execute all necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

Through this program, business owners and/or property owners located in neighborhood business districts can receive matching funds up to \$12,500 for facade improvement projects. All improvements must comply with the Historic Design Guidelines developed for each community by the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation.

Due to the high demand of the program additional funds are needed to supplement the program.

ON A MOTION MADE BY SENATOR FONTANA AND SECONDED BY MR. POLLOCK, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**H. KIVA TRUSTEE AGREEMENT**

Request authorization to: (i) enter into a Trustee Agreement with Kiva Microfunds; and (ii) allow the Director to execute all necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

KIVA is a well-respected, non-profit micro-finance lender. They employ a “crowd-sourcing” lending model that pools funding from average people who wish to invest in borrowers’ projects. Kiva has distributed over \$500 million in loans worldwide.

KIVA provides 0% interest loans for small businesses and entrepreneurs. The size of borrowers’ first loans is capped at \$5,000 but subsequent loans can be larger. Borrowers must be endorsed by a local “Trustee”.

RAAC's responsibilities as Trustee will be:

1. Find and assess eligible borrowers who could benefit from a Kiva Zip Loan.
2. Endorse these entrepreneurs publically on the Kiva Zip website.
3. Provide ongoing technical assistance through the loan term.
4. Trustees have no fiduciary duty, or monetary risk in the event of default or delinquency.

ON A MOTION MADE BY SENATOR FONTANA AND SECONDED BY MR. POLLOCK, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**I. ALLEGHENY VACANT PROPERTY RECOVERY PROGRAM (AVPRP) – ALLEGHENY COUNTY GENERAL FUND GRANT**

Request authorization to: (i) accept a grant in the amount not to exceed \$200,000 from the 2014 Allegheny County Operating Budget; (ii) enter into an Agreement with Allegheny County to administer and operate the AVPRP with the funding awarded; and (iii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

Funds will be utilized for the Allegheny Vacant Property Recovery Program (AVPRP).

ON A MOTION MADE BY SENATOR FONTANA AND SECONDED BY MS. WILLIAMS, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**J. LEAD PAINT INSPECTION/RISK ASSESSMENT AND CLEARANCE EXAMINATION SERVICES- REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

Request authorization to: (i) issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to solicit proposals from firms to provide ongoing Lead Paint Inspection/ Risk Assessment and Clearance Examination Services for the Allegheny Home Improvement Loan Program (AHILP); and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

AHILP provides low-interest loans to pre-approved Allegheny County homeowners for general property improvements and rehabilitation. Homes with general improvement loans that will cost over \$5,000 and disturb a painted surface may require Pre-Rehabilitation Lead Testing to be conducted on their properties. With this RFQ, after proposals are received, permission will be sought to hire one or more PA-Certified Lead-Based Paint Inspectors/Risk Assessors to conduct this testing and prepare a report of test results for these homeowners, as needed, and to perform a lead clearance examination upon completion of all work for these homeowners, to verify that the reported lead hazards were properly addressed.

Mr. Brooks thanked the staff for their participation in this project.

ON A MOTION MADE BY MR. POLLOCK AND SECONDED BY DR. SMITH, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**K. ALLEGHENY VACANT PROPERTY RECOVERY PROGRAM (AVPRP) – PARTICIPATION BY THE BOROUGH OF CORAOPOLIS AND THE BOROUGH OF VERONA**

Request authorization to: (i) allow the Borough of Coraopolis and the Borough of Verona to participate in the County's AVPRP; (ii) allow RAAC to receive funds from the Boroughs or entities authorized by the Boroughs for the purpose of paying for all costs associated with acquiring properties through the AVPRP; and (iii) allow the Director to execute all the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

With the addition of the Borough of Coraopolis and the Borough of Verona, the total number of municipalities participating in the Allegheny Vacant Property Recovery Program will be 44.

ON A MOTION MADE BY SENATOR FONTANA AND SECONDED BY MS. WILLIAMS, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**L. ALLEGHENY VACANT PROPERTY RECOVERY PROGRAM (AVPRP) – CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION**

Request authorization to: (i) approve a Certificate of Completion for 736 North Ave. #4 (Block/Lot 232-N-57-4), which was transferred through the Allegheny Vacant Property Recovery Program; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

Executed deed for said property was delivered to the buyer who has completed the improvements as required under the Conditional Agreement of Sale of the property.

ON A MOTION MADE BY SENATOR FONTANA AND SECONDED BY MS. WILLIAMS, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**M. ALLEGHENY VACANT PROPERTY RECOVERY PROGRAM (AVPRP)**

Request authorization to: (i) approve various resolutions related to the Allegheny Vacant Property Recovery Program for properties located in the municipalities of Carnegie, Harrison, Mount Oliver, Oakdale, Sharpsburg, Swissvale and West Mifflin; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

Resolution 1-Authorization for the Authority to act as the Planning Commission of Allegheny County, pursuant to the Urban Redevelopment Law of Pennsylvania, (a) Certifying that each property listed in the attachment is blighted, and (b) Approving that the acquisition and disposition and subsequent disposition would be in accord with the comprehensive plan of the Borough/Municipality.

Resolution 2-Authorization for the condemnation by eminent domain of each property listed in the attachment.

Resolution 3-Authorization for the execution of contract of sale and delivery of a deed for each property listed in the attachment.

ON A MOTION MADE BY SENATOR FONTANA AND SECONDED BY MS. WILLIAMS, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**N. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM FUND (CITF) –BACKSTAGE ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADES**

Request Authorization to: (i) award a grant in an amount not to exceed \$225,000 to the Pittsburgh Symphony, Inc. to improve backstage accessibility issues; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

Currently Heinz Hall has no connectivity between the main concert hall and the backstage area for individuals with a disability. Patrons and/or guests who have special needs and use a wheel chair literally have to exit the facility and re-enter down Penn Avenue through Heinz Hall's loading dock to get backstage. This presents constant issues with patrons and artists alike. In addition, the same can be said for freight coming from Heinz Hall's underplaza storage area. Freight must also exit the facility and re-enter through the loading dock.

CITF funds would be used to reconfigure Heinz Hall's freight elevator to allow access to the backstage area. The current freight elevator would be modernized with installation of a new back door. That door would connect backstage to front of house via the existing fire egress tunnel and will enable wheelchair access to all backstage levels.

ON A MOTION MADE BY MR. POLLOCK AND SECONDED BY MS. WILLIAMS, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**O. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM FUND (CITF) – DRAFTING A BLUEPRINT FOR TRANSIT IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY**

Request Authorization to: (i) award a grant in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to the Port Authority of Allegheny County to conduct a planning study known as "Blueprint for Transit in Allegheny County"; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

Port Authority of Allegheny County is requesting CITF funds to facilitate the development of a vision plan for the future direction of public transit in Allegheny County given the recent enactment of state transportation funding law that stabilizes Port Authority's funding for several years. Port Authority wishes to engage experts at the Urban Land Institute (ULI) to assist the agency in its strategic planning activities. The ULI panel's work will be completed over a five-day site visit.

Port Authority will ask the ULI Expert Panel to assist in guiding strategic decisions related to the provision of services, integration of existing services with proposed capital investments, generation of transit-oriented development, and utilization of creative financing opportunities among others.

Mr. Brooks stated that the future for Port Authority transit looks very bright and that public transportation is vital throughout the region.

ON A MOTION MADE BY MS. WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY DR. SMITH, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**P. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM FUND (CITF) – PHASE II RENOVATIONS**

Request Authorization to: (i) award a Grant in an amount not to exceed \$225,000 to Storehouse for Teachers d.b.a. The Education Workshop to complete phase two renovations; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

The Education Workshop is dedicated to addressing educational inequities by providing and enabling access to the tools and resources necessary to support teachers and enhance a student's ability to learn. In order to address the problem of inadequate school supplies, the Partnership purchased a warehouse in 2009, where teachers can come and acquire supplies for students. In Phase 1 of the Project, improvements were made to begin facility operation.

CITF funds would be used for Phase II of the Project, upgrades will include more adequate HVAC systems, safety and security upgrades, IT and phone upgrades, ADA accessibility, new restrooms and increased parking area.

ON A MOTION MADE BY MS. WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY DR. SMITH, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**Q. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM FUND (CITF) – FORWARD MURRAY GATEWAY PROJECT**

Request Authorization to: (i) award a grant in an amount not to exceed \$210,000 to AHI Development, Inc. to develop a blighted site at 2607 Murray Avenue; and

(ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval. ACTION-Housing and Jewish Residential Services (JRS) are proposing the development of a large blighted site at 2607 Murray Avenue in Squirrel Hill. The initial plan is for a mixed-use development that centers on supportive housing and human services and results in 35 to 40 units of affordable and supportive residential apartments, an expanded Levin Clubhouse and offices for JRS.

CITF funds will be used for the demolition of the building currently located on the not for the construction of the eventual development. The 19,263 SF site is the former Poli's Restaurant at 2607 Murray Avenue, vacant since 2005, and an accessory parking lot across the street.

Mr. Pollock would like to thank staff and everyone involved in this project.

ON A MOTION MADE BY MS. WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY DR. SMITH, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**R. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM FUND (CITF) – BUENA VISTA COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL MODERNIZATION**

Request Authorization to: (i) award a grant in an amount not to exceed \$110,000 to the Buena Vista Volunteer Fire Company #1 to implement improvements to the Buena Vista Community Swimming Pool; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

The proposed project is for the renovation of an existing swimming pool recreation area. The applicant is proposing to install two new water slides, upgrade the existing chlorinator to comply with County standards, install new fencing, replace pool deck and some walkways, and to install a shade pavilion. The pool was originally constructed in 1949 to provide a place for children to swim so they would not have to swim in the river.

ON A MOTION MADE BY SENATOR FONTANA AND SECONDED BY MR. POLLOCK, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**S. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM FUND (CITF) – McELHENY ROAD BRIDGE UPGRADE**

Request Authorization to: (i) award a grant in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to South Park Township to make upgrades to the McElheny Road Bridge; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

The McElheny Road Bridge is located at the intersection of McElheny Road and Cochran Mill Road and provides access between South Park Township and Jefferson Hills Borough. Recently, bridge inspection reports conducted by

PennDOT indicate the structure has been deteriorating over the past 15 years and has been downgraded by PennDOT. There is now a posted weight restriction of three tons along with a restriction to one lane of traffic which has resulted in longer response times for emergency vehicles.

If repairs are not made, the bridge will close in October 2014, affecting 25,000 residents. CITF funds will be used to make the necessary repairs to the bridge in order for it to meet PennDOT's standards.

ON A MOTION MADE BY MR. POLLOCK AND SECONDED BY SENATOR FONTANA, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**T. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM FUND (CITF) – UNIVERSITY BLVD. LEFT TURN LANES AT RMU ENTRANCE**

Request Authorization to: (i) award a grant in an amount not to exceed \$225,000 to Robert Morris University to make road improvements; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

The entrance to Robert Morris University at the intersection of University Boulevard and Campus Drive has a traffic signal but not a designated left turn lane. The lack of a turning lane creates safety and capacity problems for motorists accessing the campus and for the public traveling along University Boulevard.

The funds requested will help pay for road improvements namely a left turn lane into Robert Morris University's campus on University Boulevard in Moon Township.

ON A MOTION MADE BY MS. WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY MR. POLLOCK, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**U. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM FUND (CITF) – EAST END RAIN BARREL INITIATIVE**

Request Authorization to: (i) award a grant in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 to Pittsburgh Community Services, Inc. to fund the East End Rain Barrel Initiative project; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

Pittsburgh Community Services, Inc. (PSCI) would like to use the East End Rain Barrel Initiative as a youth workforce development through green infrastructure construction and installation. Youth ages 15-18, primarily from zip code 15206, will gain experience in green building and design, landscape architecture and sustainability practices. As part of this program PSCI will oversee the installation of over 400 rain barrels and will provide outreach and education to the community

on storm water management.

The CITF funds will be used for the purchase of the rain barrels and to expand the scope of an existing Neighborhood Safety Program to include education and training, youth employment, and water mitigation.

ON A MOTION MADE BY MS. WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY SENATOR FONTANA, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**V. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM FUND (CITF) – PROJECT 15206-A COMPREHENSIVE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE DEMONSTRATION**

Request Authorization to: (i) award a grant in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 to the Pennsylvania State University to implement green infrastructure in seven City of Pittsburgh neighborhoods; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

The Penn State Center in conjunction with the Pittsburgh Community Services will manage Project 15206. The Project addresses storm water through mitigation through design and construction of green infrastructure within seven neighborhoods in the City of Pittsburgh: Morningside; Highland Park; Larimer; East Liberty; Lincoln-Lemington-Belmar; Stanton Heights; and Friendship. The primary focus is to implement high impact green infrastructure storm water mitigation measures, utilizing GIS to identify sites. The goal is to improve water quality, reduce combined sewer over flows, and monitor the effectiveness of green infrastructure. The types of green infrastructure to be used, for example, will be rain gardens, bioswales, and curb channels.

The CITF funds will used for the design and installation of the green infrastructure and to monitor the installations for effective storm water mitigation based on pre and post measurements to assist in compliance with the Clean Water Act.

ON A MOTION MADE BY MR. POLLOCK AND SECONDED BY MS. WILLIAMS, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

THE BOARD HELD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF REAL ESTATE AND LITIGATION.

ON A MOTION MADE BY DR. SMITH AND SECONDED BY MR. POLLOCK, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AND THE BOARD WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

ON A MOTION MADE BY MR. POLLOCK AND SECONDED BY DR. SMITH, THE REQUEST WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED TO ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

#### ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO TRANSACT, ON A MOTION MADE BY DR. SMITH AND SECONDED BY MR. POLLOCK, THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

*Jack Exler*

Jack Exler, Assistant Secretary

APPROVED