

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR and PUBLIC HEARING

ONE CHATHAM CENTER

BOARD ROOM, 9TH FLOOR

112 WASHINGTON PLACE, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

January 15, 2016—10:30 a.m.

The Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County was held on Friday, January 15, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in the Board Room, 9th Floor, One Chatham Center, 112 Washington Place, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219.

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

Also present were: Bill Merchant, Authority Solicitor; Robert Hurley, Executive Director; Jack Exler, Sr. Deputy Director; Pat Earley, Deputy Director; Samuel Bozzolla, Project Manager; Angie Hicks, Project Manager; Adrienne Frazier, Administrative Assistant; Beth O'Donnell, Marketing Coordinator; Anita Truss, Senior Accountant; Daniel Tobin, Project Manager; Nathan Wetzel, Assistant Manager; Shantalaya Matthews, Project Manager; Michael McMunn, Project Manager; Maureen Quinn, Project Manager; and Ann Ogoreuc, Manager.

Others present were: Mary Ellen Ramage, Borough of Etna; William Rossey, Borough of Sharpsburg; Amy Rockwell, Borough of Millvale; and Erin Sheariss, Office of Senator Fontana.

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES—DECEMBER 18, 2015

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

III. RATIFICATION OF BILLS

Ms. Williams reviewed the Ratification of Bills Payable for the month of December 2015 and found them to be in good and proper order.

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- **CARRIE FURNACE REDEVELOPMENT-RECERTIFICATION**

Request authorization to: (i) re-certify a 168 acre assemblage of real estate parcels, located in the boroughs of Rankin, Swissvale, Munhall, Whitaker, and the City of Pittsburgh, and known commonly as the "Carrie Furnace Redevelopment" site as blighted; and (ii) allow the Director to execute all necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

This recertification of the "blight" status for the Carrie Furnace site is necessary to allow for the continued, uninterrupted redevelopment of the project area.

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **OPEN STREETS DAY-SUB-GRANT AWARD**

Request authorization to: (i) award an Active Allegheny Grant Program sub-grant in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 to Etna Borough for the purpose of conducting an Open Streets event in the summer of 2016 in the Boroughs of Etna and Sharpsburg; and (ii) allow the Director to execute all necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

In June 2015, RAAC approved a resolution to 1) accept \$215,000 from the Allegheny County Health Department to establish an Active Allegheny Grant Program, 2) accept applications and award sub-grants to sub-grantees for the purpose of facilitating the planning and design of bicycle and pedestrian mobility projects in communities with a high proportion of low-and moderate-income population, and 3) administer the grant program.

The funding is the result of a collaborative funding request to the Richard King Mellon Foundation to support a variety of initiatives aimed at improving health in the county.

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

B. SEAVEY ROAD PEDESTRIAN & ADA PROJECT-SUB-GRANT AWARD

Request authorization to: (i) award an Active Allegheny Grant Program sub-grant in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 to Millvale Borough for the purpose of designing pedestrian improvements at the Seavey and Evergreen Road intersection; and (ii) allow the Director to execute all necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

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C. PREDEVELOPMENT CD YEAR 39 – AGREEMENT

Request authorization to: (i) ratify an agreement with Allegheny Global Environmental, Inc. to perform asbestos testing services for two single family structures in Etna, PA; and (ii) allow the Director to execute all the necessary documents with solicitor approval.

Through a VPRP application, AHI, Inc. is in the process of acquiring 2 parcels located at 33 and 37 Locust St., Etna, PA that will be part of a redevelopment partnership. In acquiring these parcels the intention of AHI, Inc. is to demolish and build new. In conjunction with this partnership, RAAC is going to undertake having these properties asbestos tested prior to any demolition activities are to begin. The cost of the asbestos testing will be \$1,200.00

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

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

Request authorization to: (i) approve a Certificate of Completion for Block and Lot No. 1223-D-334 (1014 Coe St.) in Tarentum; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

Executed deed for said property was delivered to the buyers who have completed

the improvements as required under the Conditional Agreement of Sale of the property.

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

OFF AGENDA ITEM

- **LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE (LEDA)—PITTSBURGH QUARTERLY**

Request authorization to: (i) expend LEDA funds in an amount not to exceed \$8,400 to be utilized for one year of advertisements promoting economic development in Allegheny County; and (ii) allow the Director to execute all the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

Pittsburgh Quarterly is a regional magazine which focuses on promoting businesses, cultural arts, universities, quality of life issues, etc. in the region. The magazine was launched in 2006 with broad support from the local community. The ongoing mission of the publication is to be an important economic development tool for Allegheny County and southwestern Pennsylvania. This effort includes reaching out to influential tourists and business leaders from all around the world by distributing copies in key locations throughout the region including hotels, cultural destinations, and various institutions such as the airport, downtown hotels, select fine eateries and other venues.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ON A MOTION MADE BY DR. SMITH AND SECONDED BY SENATOR FONTANA, THE BOARD HELD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF REAL ESTATE.

ON A MOTION MADE BY DR. SMITH AND SECONDED BY MS. WILLIAMS, THE EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS ADJOURNED.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Jack Exler

Jack Exler, Sr. Deputy Director

APPROVED