

**REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY**  
**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**REGULAR and PUBLIC HEARING**  
**ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**Board Room, Suite 900**  
**Chatham One, 112 Washington Place, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**  
**March 22, 2019—10:30 a.m.**

The Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County was held on Friday, March 22, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. in Allegheny County Economic Development's Board Room, Chatham One, Suite 900, 112 Washington Place, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219.

Board Members by phone were: Bill Brooks, Peg McCormick Barron, Senator Wayne Fontana

Also present were: Lance Chimka, Director; Bill Merchant, Authority Solicitor; Jack Exler, Sr. Deputy Director; Pat Earley, Deputy Director; Samuel Bozzolla, Project Manager; Tom McGrath, Fiscal Manager; Beth O'Donnell, Authorities Marketing Representative; Judy Jevsevar, Senior Accounting Supervisor; Julie Collins, Housing Development Coordinator; Dan Tobin, Business Development Coordinator; Kevin Main, Project Manager; Joel Segel, Development Specialist; BethAnn Cushmanick, Administrative Assistant; Gabriel Kelly, Intern

**I. ROLL CALL**

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 22, 2019**

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

**III. APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY SECRETARY-TREASURER PRO TEMPORE**

ON A MOTION MADE BY MS. MCCORMICK BARRON AND SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN BROOKS, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED TO APPOINT SENATOR FONTANA AS SECRETARY-TREASURER PRO TEMPORE

**IV. RATIFICATION OF BILLS**

Senator Fontana reviewed the Ratification of Bills Payable for the month of February, 2019 and found them to be in good and proper order.

ON A MOTION MADE BY SENATOR FONTANA AND SECONDED BY MS. MCCORMICK BARRON, THE RATIFICATION OF THE BILLS WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM FUND (CITF) – 2018 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT-LIBERTY BOROUGH AMENDMENT**

Request authorization to: (i) amend the Scope of Services for the Liberty Borough Street Resurfacing project; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

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

**B. SOUTHWESTERN PARTNERSHIP FOR REGIONAL ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE (PREP) PROGRAM- SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION CONTRACT ENGAGE! PROGRAM-AMENDMENT**

Request authorization to: (i) amend the contract with the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission for ENGAGE! program for an additional \$13,167.00 for an amount not to exceed \$44,767.00; (ii) extend the term of the contract from December 31, 2018 to June 30, 2019; and (iii) allow the Director to execute all necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

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

**C. BRADDOCK EDUCATION & TRAINING CENTER BUILDING  
MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT-AMENDMENT**

Request authorization to: (i) amend the Management Agreement between  
RAAC and Brandywine Agency, Inc. for the Braddock Education & Training  
Center; and (ii) allow the Director to execute all the necessary documents with  
Solicitor approval.

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

**D. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,  
COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM FUND (CITF) –  
POWER PLAY PROJECT- AMENDMENT**

Request Authorization to: (i) amend the Scope of Services for the Power Play  
Project; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with  
Solicitor approval.

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

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. SOUTHWESTERN PARTNERSHIP FOR REGIONAL ECONOMIC  
PERFORMANCE (PREP) PROGRAM- SOUTHWESTERN  
PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION CONTRACT**

Request authorization to: (i) enter into a contract with the Southwestern  
Pennsylvania Commission for Southwestern Partnership for Regional  
Economic Performance funds in an amount not to exceed \$116,186.00; (ii)  
accept said funds; and (iii) allow the Director to execute all necessary  
documents with Solicitor approval, including contract with Southwestern  
Pennsylvania Corporation.

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

**B. ACTIVE ALLEGHENY GRANT PROGRAM – RATIFICATION OF AN AGREEMENT**

Request authorization to: (i) ratify an agreement with the Hillman Family Foundations for an amount not to exceed \$75,000 to support the award of grants through the Active Allegheny Grant Program; and (ii) allow the Director to execute necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

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

**C. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AGREEMENT -800 BLOCK PENN AVENUE DEMOLITIONS**

Request authorization to: (i) enter into a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding agreement with the Borough of Wilkesburg for an amount not to exceed \$210,143.00 for the demolition of two RAAC-owned commercial buildings, located at 804 and 830 Penn Avenue; and (ii) allow the Director to execute all the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

*“This assemblage of property would have been before the board in past meetings and is a critical piece of the Penn Avenue business district and is assembled at the request of the borough and we are now undertaking a mixture of demolition and stabilization with an eye toward reuse of some of those buildings and redevelopment of the whole block.”*

*Director Lance Chimka*

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

**D. BRADDOCK EDUCATION & TRAINING CENTER BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS-CDBG APPLICATION**

Request authorization to: (i) submit a Community Development Block Grant application to Allegheny County Economic Development for an amount not to exceed \$277,320.00 for improvements to the RAAC-owned Braddock Education & Training Center; (ii) accept said CDBG funds; (iii) enter into contract with ACED for those funds; and (iv) allow the Director to execute all necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

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

**E. ALLEGHENY VACANT PROPERTY RECOVERY PROGRAM (AVPRP) – CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION**

Request authorization to: (i) record Certificates of Completion for two (2) properties that were transferred through the Allegheny Vacant Property Recovery Program in the municipalities of Reserve and Wilkinsburg; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

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

**F. 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 Bellevue, Clairton, Rankin, Ross, and Wilkinsburg (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

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

**Housekeeping Item**

- Chairman Brooks and Ms. McCormick Barron were nominated to serve on the Audit Review Committee – All in favor.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

