The meeting was called to order, roll was called, and a quorum was present.
II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES—APRIL 17, 2015

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

III. RATIFICATION OF BILLS

On behalf of the Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. Pollock reviewed the Ratification of Bills Payable for the month of April 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

A. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND TOURISM FUND (CITF)—DENIS THEATRE PROJECT AMENDMENT

Request authorization to: (i) amend the project scope; and (ii) allow the Director to execute all the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

The Denis Theatre Foundation would like to amend the $175,000 CITF grant scope of services due to delays in construction. The grant was originally purposed for construction only. The amended scope will now include: Construction; a Business Plan; Architect/Engineering Services; and New Equipment. The grant was recently extended to expire in May 2016.

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

B. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND TOURISM FUND (CITF)-BUENA VISTA COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL MODERNIZATION

Request authorization to: (i) amend the project scope; and (ii) allow the Director to execute all the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

The original scope of services only has the provision for the installation of two (2) water slides. The scope of services needs to be amended to include the purchase of both slides.
ON A MOTION MADE BY DR. SMITH AND SECONDED BY SENATOR FONTANA, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

C. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND TOURISM FUND (CITF)-HISTORIC WILKINSBURG TRAIN STATION ROOF CONSTRUCTION AMENDMENT

Request authorization to: (i) amend the project scope; and (ii) allow the Director to execute all the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

The scope will be expanded to include preparation work for the roof replacement such as building stabilization, ivy removal, and engineering and architectural work including roof design.

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

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The board recognized the promotion of Erin Deasy to Manager of Development.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. CARRIE FURNACE BOULEVARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Request authorization to: (i) to ratify the award of the Carrie Furnace Boulevard construction contract to A. Merante Contracting in an amount not to exceed $1,900,000; and (ii) allow the Director to execute all the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

Merante Contracting was the lowest of 10 bidders for the construction of Carrie Furnace Boulevard. Their bid of $1,646,496.00 will include the installation of storm inlets and reinforced concrete pipe, installation of 1,876 lineal feet of roadway, and installation of street lighting and street trees. RAAC will use funds from a year 40 CDBG grant to pay for the contract. The authorization for $1,900,000 is to cover any unforeseen contingencies that might arise during the contract period.

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

B. SPORTS LEGACY PROJECT-CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

Request authorization to: (i) award a contract to Hill International Construction Management Services, in amount not to exceed $362,627.00, for the 78-acre sports field complex located in Moon and Robinson Townships, and Coraopolis Borough; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor
ACED staff prepared a request for proposals and advertised publicly to select a consultant to perform construction management services for the site. Bids were narrowed to 5 finalists with the final bid being awarded to Hill International. Hill International’s Construction Management Services will be paid for with funds from Sports Legacy Foundation given to RAAC for the Sports Legacy Project.

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

C. THE ENTERTAINMENT CONSORTIUM CHILDREN’S ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT FESTIVAL-RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT

Request authorization to: (i) enter into a Right of Entry Agreement with The Entertainment Consortium to allow access to the former Penn Lincoln Hotel site; and (ii) allow the Director to execute all the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

The Entertainment Consortium has requested the use of the former Penn Lincoln Hotel site to host a one day Children’s Arts and Entertainment Festival on the vacant lot during the first week of August. The family event will feature live entertainment from children’s performing arts companies, arts & crafts, food and local vendors.

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

D. REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE CAPITAL PROGRAM (RACP)-HISTORIC WILKINSBURG TRAIN STATION REDEVELOPMENT

Request authorization to: (i) ratify a previously submitted application for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant in amount not to exceed $1,000,000; and (ii) allow the Director to execute all the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

The $1,000,000 RACP grant will be used towards professional services, building stabilization, sidewalks and site work, shell, doors & windows, installing electrical and plumbing, and interior demising and finishes for the Wilkinsburg Train Station.

ON A MOTION MADE BY DR. SMITH AND SECONDED BY MR. POLLOCK, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.
E. **Allegheny Vacant Property Recovery Program (AVPRP)—Participation by Borough of Crafton**

Request authorization to: (i) allow the Borough of Crafton to participate in the County’s Allegheny Vacant Property Recovery Program; (ii) allow RAAC to receive funds from the Borough or entities authorized by the Borough for the purpose of paying for all costs associated with acquiring properties through the Allegheny Vacant Property Recovery Program; and (iii) allow the Director to execute all the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

With the addition of the Borough of Crafton, the total number of municipalities participating in the Allegheny Vacant Property Recovery Program will be 55.

**ON A MOTION MADE BY SENATOR FONTANA AND SECONDED BY DR. SMITH, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.**

F. **Gaming & Economic Development Fund (GEDF)—Sports Legacy Foundation Montour Junction Property**

Request authorization to: (i) ratify a previously submitted application for a Gaming and Economic Development Fund grant for an amount not to exceed $500,000; (ii) receive and administer said Grant; and (iii) allow the Director to execute all the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

The $500,000.00 GEDF grant will be utilized towards the site preparation and construction of a double synthetic turf soccer field for the Montour Junction site. The grant is needed for short-term construction costs. An initial site preparation bid will be publicly advertised in early June of 2015. The retaining walls for the access road will be listed as an alternate bid, because we do not anticipate RAAC will have enough funds by summer 2015 for the access road retaining wall. The $500,000 GEDF grant would ensure enough funding for the alternate bid and would leave a buffer for contingencies in site preparation which includes transporting and placing enough clean processed fill to raise half of the 78 acre site by 4 feet. Any remaining funds would be put towards field construction in the spring of 2016.

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

G. **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 Braddock, Millvale, Scott, Swissvale, West Deer, West Mifflin, and West View; 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 DR. SMITH, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

H. GAMING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND (GEDF)–HISTORIC WILKINSBURG TRAIN STATION REDEVELOPMENT

Request authorization to: (i) ratify a previously submitted application for a Gaming and Economic Development Fund grant in an amount not to exceed $380,000; (ii) receive and administer said Grant; and (iii) allow the Director to execute all the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

The GEDF grant will be utilized towards redevelopment of the Historic Wilkinsburg Train Station. RAAC is seeking renovation of the building’s exterior and reconstruction of the building’s roof for an estimated total cost of $605,000. The cost estimate includes soft costs as well as construction costs. The building’s interior has greatly suffered because of the dilapidated roof. Historic and economic feasibility studies have been conducted for the building, and the community would like to see the building renovated into office space, possibly with a café or daycare.

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

I. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM FUND (CITF)–WEST MIFFLIN COMMUNITY PARK AND BASKETBALL COURT

Request Authorization to: (i) award a Grant in an amount not to exceed $100,000.00 to help finance the West Mifflin Community Park and Basketball Court Project; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

The project consists of the construction of two outdoor basketball courts in the West Mifflin Community Park. The combined court area will be 104’ x 125’, high school regulation size. The court construction will be bituminous paving topped with an acrylic surface. The court area will be enclosed with a chain link fence. Lighting will be installed to allow use of the courts at night.
ON A MOTION MADE BY SENATOR FONTANA AND SECONDED BY DR. SMITH, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

J. Allegheny County Economic Development, Community Infrastructure & Tourism Fund (CITF)–Rangos Omnimax Theater Renovation and Digital Conversion Project

Request Authorization to: (i) award a Grant in an amount not to exceed $150,000.00 to help finance the Rangos Omnimax Theater Renovation and Digital Conversion Project; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

Grant funds would be applied to convert the Rangos Omnimax Theater at Carnegie Science Center, currently a dome screen, into a giant flat screen laser digital theater. Renovation will extend outside the theater to the lobby with demolition of the old projection room, storefront removal, and finishes. In addition, a new flat screen and support structure, new cast-in-place concrete seating risers, new carpet for stairs/risers, flooring and walls, new seating, new drywall, paint, scaffolding access and adjustments to lighting will be added.

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

K. Allegheny County Economic Development, Community Infrastructure & Tourism Fund (CITF)–Brentwood Park Playground

Request Authorization to: (i) award a Grant in an amount not to exceed $75,000.00 to help finance the Brentwood Park Playground Project; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

This project will involve the replacement of outdated and unsafe play equipment. The new equipment will be situated near the ball field so that parents can see their older child’s game while the younger children play in the playground area.

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

L. Allegheny County Economic Development, Community Infrastructure & Tourism Fund (CITF)–Old Hill Road Water Line Relocation

Request Authorization to: (i) award a Grant in an amount not to exceed $225,000 to help finance the Old Hill Road Water Line Relocation Project; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.
The Aleppo Township Authority wants to relocate a water line away from this area where a landslide is now posing an imminent hazard to the water supply. The proposed project will consist of approximately 1,000 feet of 12-inch diameter water line and appurtenances along with all the necessary engineering and geotechnical investigations.

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

M. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM FUND (CITF)–CHARLES MORRIS ATTIC SPRINKLER INSTALLATION

Request Authorization to: (i) award a Grant in an amount not to exceed $170,000.00 to help finance the Charles Morris Attic Sprinkler Installation Project; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

In light of new regulatory requirements it has been determined that the Charles Morris Nursing and Rehab Center must enhance the present building sprinkler system. Enhancement of a fire protection/sprinkler system includes adding and installing three dry systems to attic as per NFPA 13 light and ordinary hazards. The enhancement also includes bulk supply pipe to provide adequate water to supply the dry systems, air compressors, dry pipe valves, piping and design.

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

N. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM FUND (CITF)–ACUPUNCTURE: EXPAND THE SKYLINE

Request Authorization to: (i) award a Grant in an amount not to exceed $200,000.00 to help finance the Acupuncture Expand the Skyline Project; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

It’s a signature work of public art which is a collaboration between the Mattress Factory and residents of the North Side.

Senator Fontana stated that this is a great project for the North Side.

ON A MOTION MADE BY SENATOR FONTANA AND SECONDED BY MR. POLLOCK, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.
O. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM FUND (CITF)–PIERCE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PHASE II

Request Authorization to: (i) award a Grant in an amount not to exceed $75,000.00 to help finance the Pierce Road Reconstruction Phase II Project; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

This second phase of the project will improve the roadway condition for Pierce Road by installing a binder surface and wearing course as well as performing base repair in soft areas.

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

P. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM FUND (CITF)–HOLLAND AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION

Request Authorization to: (i) award a Grant in an amount not to exceed $75,000.00 to help finance the Holland Avenue Reconstruction Project; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

This project will impact the new Overlook mixed housing and office development being built on the site of the former UPMC Hospital. All work will take place within Braddock Borough, where 39.9% of the population lives below the poverty line. The current condition of Holland Avenue is deplorable with numerous potholes. The proposed treatment will transform the pavement to a smooth, safe riding surface.

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

Q. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM FUND (CITF)–THE THREE BOROUGHS GROUP STRATEGY/COMMERCIAL DISTRICT PLAN

Request Authorization to: (i) award a Grant in an amount not to exceed $75,000.00 to help finance The Three Boroughs Group Strategy/Commercial District Plan Project and Streetscape Improvements; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

The three municipalities want to change the existing street lights with LED bulbs along 7th and 8th Avenue, purchase 14 trash and cigarette butt receptacles and development of a Strategy/Commercial District Plan.
The three boroughs would like to host a bike festival later in the year which will be the first of a number of signature events for the organization. This event will allow the three municipalities to directly benefit from the trail that runs through their jurisdiction.

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

R. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM FUND (CITF)–NORTH SIDE PARTNERSHIP PROJECT COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICE MALL

Request Authorization to: (i) award a Grant in an amount not to exceed $225,000.00 to help finance the North Side Partnership Project Community Social Service Mall Project; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

The North Side Partnership Project is in the process of acquiring McNaughter School. The school has been closed for several years. The goal is to rehabilitate and re-use the school for a central office, a place for youth services and adult competency skills training. The project would consist of hazmat removal and costs to install 8 HVAC split systems.

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

S. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM FUND (CITF)–REPURPOSING OF BLIGHTED PROPERTY IN THE AVENUES BUSINESS DISTRICT

Request Authorization to: (i) award a Grant in an amount not to exceed $30,000.00 to help finance the Repurposing of Blighted Property in the Avenues Business District Project; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

The former Harry's Clothing Store located at 210 East 8th Avenue in Homestead closed over 10 years ago. The property's roof has collapsed and the property is unsafe. Plans are to raze the property and construct a parklet.

ON A MOTION MADE BY SENATOR FONTANA AND SECONDED BY MR. POLLOCK, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.
T. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM FUND (CITF)–WESTBURY PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT

Request Authorization to: (i) award a Grant in an amount not to exceed $75,628.80 to help finance the Westbury Playground Replacement Project; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

This project consists of the rehabilitation of two playgrounds in the Westbury section of Findlay Township. Westbury Tot Lot, the smaller of the two, is a playground designed for the younger children and will accommodate 34 children at play. Aten Playground is the larger playground that will accommodate 54 children at play. Old playground equipment will be removed and recycled and the sites will be graded and prepared. New play equipment will be installed and the surface will be covered with energy absorbing recycled rubber.

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

U. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM FUND (CITF)–OAKLAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Request Authorization to: (i) award a Grant in an amount not to exceed $150,000.00 to help finance the Oakland Affordable Housing Project; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

OPDC has an agreement of sale for 2561 Aliquippa Street to develop 24 low-income housing units. In addition, OPDC has acquired parcels at 2528, 2534, 2538-2544 Wadsworth Street and has an agreement of sale to purchase a building at 2532 Wadsworth Street. On this site affordable housing will be developed to house 25 low income families.

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

V. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM FUND (CITF)–HILL HOUSE ASSOCIATION FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT.

Request Authorization to: (i) award a Grant in an amount not to exceed $200,000.00 to help finance the Hill House Association Facilities Improvement Project; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

The Hill House Association is requesting CITF funds to improve its Kaufmann Center and auditorium. The auditorium is in need of a stage left entrance and a box office. The Hill House Association would also like to add HVAC systems to the
third floor and convert storage space to a sound booth.

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

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, Sr. Deputy Director