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

October 23, 2020—10:30 a.m.

The Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County was held, via teleconference, on Friday, October 23, 2020 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 present were: Chairman William Brooks, Senator Wayne Fontana, Doris Carson Williams, Margaret McCormick-Barron and Dr. Don Smith (all via teleconference)

Also present were: Lance Chimka (via teleconference), Director, Jack Exler, Senior Deputy Director; Steve Papernick, Authority Solicitor (via teleconference); Samuel Bozzolla, Project Manager; Rich Lord, Public Source (via teleconference).

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 28, 2020

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

III. RATIFICATION OF BILLS

Ms. Carson Williams reviewed the Ratification of Bills Payable for the month of September 2020 and found them to be in good and proper order.

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

NO COMMENTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Allegheny County Economic Development, Community Infrastructure & Tourism Fund (CITF) – Sankofa Farmhouse (George Washington Carver House) Amendment

Request authorization to: (i) change scope of the project from the stabilization of a farmhouse to support the Sankofa garden and garden related programming, and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

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

B. Allegheny County Economic Development, Community Infrastructure & Tourism Fund (CITF)-Veterans Place Micro Homes Project-Amendment

Request Authorization to: (i) change the scope of services, from site development toward construction of an affordable micro homes community for veterans, to repairs and renovations to the basements/foundations of townhouses owned and operated by the grantee, and currently housing veterans on the grantee’s campus in the City of Pittsburgh; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

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

C. Allegheny Home Improvement Loan Program (AHILP)- First National Bank Pennsylvania Agreement Extension

Request authorization to: (i) extend the term of the current Loan Servicing Agreement with First National Bank of Pennsylvania to December 31, 2022; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

ON A MOTION MADE BY MS CARSON WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY DR. SMITH, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.
D. Allegheny Home Improvement Loan Program (AHILP)- Credit Management Company Agreement Extension

Request authorization to: (i) extend the term of the current Loan Servicing/Collection Agreement with Credit Management Company to December 31, 2022; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

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

E. Allegheny Home Improvement Loan Program (AHILP)-PNC Bank Agreement Extension

Request authorization to: (i) extend the term of the current Loan Servicing Agreement with PNC Bank, N.A. to December 31, 2022; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Allegheny Vacant Property Recovery Program (AVPRP)-Participation By Bridgeville Borough

Request authorization to: (i) allow the Borough of Bridgeville to participate in the 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.

ON A MOTION MADE BY SENATOR FONTANA AND SECONDED BY MS. MCCORMICK BARRON, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.
B. Allegheny Vacant Property Recovery Program (AVPRP) – Certificate of Completion

Request authorization to: (i) record Certificate of Completion for one (1) property that were transferred through the Allegheny Vacant Property Recovery Program in the municipality of Etna; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

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

C. 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 Carnegie, Coraopolis, Crescent, Etna, McKees Rocks, Millvale, North Fayette, Penn Hills, Rankin, Ross, Shaler, Swissvale, Tarentum, 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. CARSON WILLIAMS, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Senior Deputy Director Jack Exler asked the board for volunteers for the 2021 RAAC Budget Committee. Chairman Brooks and Ms. McCormick Barron agreed to serve on the committee.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Jack Exler, Sr. Deputy Director