

Dauphin County



Redevelopment Authority

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DAUPHIN COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 10:30a.m.
3211 North Front Street, Suite 301-C, Harrisburg, PA 17110

Call to Order Chairman Tunnell called the meeting to order at 10:51a.m.

Members Included Tom Ward, Frank Lynch and Jeff Haste (via telephone)

Also present were George Connor, Executive Director; Kevin Hall, Solicitor; Joe Curcillo, Advisor; Autumn Gruzlewski, Financial Coordinator, Debra Laudenslager, Program Coordinator, Michael Musser, CNR; Dave Feidt, CNR and Katie Conter, CNR

Members Absent Doug Brown and Charles Wallace

Public Participation John Reedy, Harrisburg School District

Reorganization A motion was made to maintain the slate of appointments as follows:

Matt Tunnell, Chairman
Thomas Ward, Vice Chairman
Charles Wallace, Secretary
Frank Lynch, Treasurer

Motion: Mr. Haste
Second: Mr. Ward

Motion passed: Unanimously

Approval of Minutes A motion was made to approve the November 9, 2023 minutes.

Motion: Mr. Haste
Second: Mr. Ward

Motion passed: Unanimously

Approval of Financials

Financials for November and December were sent to the Board members ahead of the meeting.

A motion was made to accept the financials and ratify the checks as presented.

Motion: Mr. Ward

Second: Mr. Haste

Motion passed: Unanimously

New Business

i. William Penn School – Asbestos Request John Reedy, Hbg School Dist

Mr. Connor informed the Board that Mr. Reedy had contacted him about the William Penn School. There is an asbestos problem in the building. There is a committee that has been created by the school district that meets twice a month. There are several thoughts about the end use of the building. The EPA Brownfields Grant has been discussed. William Penn was shut down in 2011. There are many issues with the building. The committee would like to take a 3 step approach to cleaning up the building and taking it to the next step. The first step would be to clean up the building. There is a lot of storage and debris in the building. The second step would be to clean up the asbestos. The third step would be (1) demolish (2) repurpose (3) partner with a private entity. Have gone out for a proposal to clean out the building and remove the asbestos. The quote was \$1.6 million for asbestos removal. Mr. Reedy is asking for any financial help to go towards the asbestos removal. Mr. Reedy said they are currently moving forward with having the asbestos removed. A discussion was had regarding the EPA grant and Mr. Connor would consult with the EPA Grant team. Mr. Haste made the recommendation that if the RDA was to help with the project, that the RDA should be the last source of funding versus being the first source of funding.

ii. 225 Frank S. Brown Blvd – repository list property. This grassy lot is located on Harrisburg Street and Frank S. Brown Blvd. This was put on the agenda as informational only and it could come back to the RDA if the Steelton Council Board rejects it.

iii. 25 & 31 Pike Street, Middletown – This property was deeded over to the RDA years ago during the 1972 flood. The deed has never been recorded. Mr. Hall is suggesting that this be quick-claimed. The owners are paying taxes on the primary structure. The RDA owns the parcel that has a small portion of the house on it. Mr. Hall has some items that he would like to look into before any action is taken on this.

iv. 2024 Meeting Dates – These will remain the same as 2023.

Executive Session

The Board entered into an Executive Session at 11:20 am to talk about real estate matters. The Board reconvened at 11:43 am.

No action to be taken

Old Business**A. Staff Reports****a. Whole Home Repairs Program**

Program is going well. Getting ready to move forward with some projects.

b. 2023 EPA Brownfields Grant

Agreements have been signed. Moving forward with discussions

B. PSU Harrisburg

Independent Contractor Agreement was sent to the Board ahead of the meeting to review.

A motion was made to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement.

Motion: Mr. Ward

Second: Mr. Lynch

Motion passed: Unanimously

C. Frank S. Brown Boulevard Declaration

A motion was made to approve the Declaration.

Motion: Mr. Ward

Second: Mr. Lynch

Motion passed: Unanimously

Correspondence/**Miscellaneous Items**

None

Board & Staff Comments

None

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:51a.m.

Motion: Mr. Ward

Second: Mr. Lynch

Motion passed unanimously