

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF HARRISBURG

Regular Meeting October 16, 2012 - 12:35 P.M.

The Board of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Harrisburg held a Regular Meeting on October 16, 2012, in Suite 405, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Government Center, 10 North Second Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, at 12:35 p.m. Chairman Daniel C. Leppo presided.

PRESENT:

Michael Wilson
Dan Leppo
Shaun O'Toole

ABSENT:

Harold Dunbar

Also present were: Peggy Sheibley, Administrative Project Manager; Stuart Magdule, Esquire, and Bryan Davis, Executive Director.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 21, 2012 were presented for approval. Mr. Wilson moved to approve; seconded by Mr. O'Toole. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for July, 2012 was presented for approval, subject to audit. Mr. O'Toole moved to approve; seconded by Mr. Wilson. The motion passed unanimously. The Treasurer's Reports for August and September, 2012 were presented for review.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Davis informed the Board that an item that came in after the Board materials were sent is the invitation to the ribbon cutting at the Furlow building on November 1, 2012 at 11 am.

There are a couple of components on the HRA website that we are working on. A For Sale section will show the properties that we have for sale, including the City's HOP houses, and Tri County's Housing Development Corporation's homes for sale with a link to the real estate agent. The page will also include a list of side lots that were not used in earlier development along with rental units, for example the Transportation Center that will link to Bill Gladstone's site with more detailed description. The other visible partners would be Governor's Square, Harrisburg Housing Authority and Tri-County Housing. We have on the site under Working with HRA Partnerships and three different list serves that are General HRA, Developers and RFPs. We have been advised by Chris Magee to use a service call Mail Chimp to populate the lists.

Mr. Davis brought to the members' attention the display board that was used at the Project Homeless Connect on September 20, 2012. It summarizes all of the sponsors that actually supported the Capital Area Coalition of Homelessness. Mr. Davis serves as Chair to their Coordinating Committee. This year the coalition served nearly 400 people including children in one day. Over 130 volunteers attended the event that went from 9 am to 4 pm at the Farm Show Building. Mr. Leppo commended Mr. Davis on his involvement with CACH and tying HRA to the helping of the homeless which is another way of redeveloping the City.

Mr. Wilson added that the Dept. of Education was recently asked legislatively with creating a taskforce on homelessness and how it relates to education. He inquired of Mr. Davis if he had been approached to be a part of this taskforce. Mr. Davis replied that he wasn't approached but another Board Member on the Coordinating Committee for the Coalition has been; Steve Swartz who is with Brethren Housing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2012, a Resolution by the Harrisburg Redevelopment Authority to recognize and congratulate Charles R. Peguese for his nearly 25 years of service to this Board. Mr. O'Toole moved to approve the motion; seconded by Mr. Wilson. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. O'Toole suggested posting a piece on HRA's website honoring Mr. Peguese and the idea was warmly endorsed by all.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2012, authorizing the Executive Director to execute an Engagement Letter with the firm of Maher Duessel to provide accounting services for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2012, 2013 and 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$15,800, \$16,270 and \$16,760 respectively. Mr. Leppo added that this is the accounting firm that we have used for three years. Mr. Davis related that after competitive bidding this firm was the most reasonable cost. They have been extremely proficient at recognizing the changes at the Federal level and any new auditing standards are past onto the staff. There needs to be no Board action on the audit. Mr. Leppo added that this was an Unqualified Audit which is the highest that you can get. Mr. O'Toole moved to approve the motion; seconded by Mr. Wilson. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2012, authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment for Security Guard Services at the Harrisburg Transportation Center with G4S Secure Solutions, Inc. for nine months commencing November 1, 2012 for an amount not to exceed \$36,000. Mr. Leppo inquired about the nine month contract. Mr. Davis explained that we elected to negotiate thru the end of our agreement with Amtrak. Mr. O'Toole moved to approve the motion; seconded by Mr. Wilson. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-2012, authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment for heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems at the Harrisburg Transportation Center with B & W, Inc., the current provider, for eight months commencing December 1, 2012 for an estimated amount not to exceed \$12,200. Mr. Leppo stated that this is also to be concurrent with the Amtrak lease. Mr. Davis added that this amount represents no price increase. Mr. O'Toole moved to approve the motion; seconded by Mr. Wilson. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary/Assistant Secretary