

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF HARRISBURG

Regular Meeting June 18, 2013 - 12:30 P.M.

The Board of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Harrisburg held a Regular Meeting on June 18, 2013, in Suite 405, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Government Center, 10 North Second Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, at 12:30 p.m. Chairman Dan Leppo presided.

PRESENT:

Michael Wilson
Harold Dunbar
Shaun O'Toole
Dan Leppo

ABSENT:

Also present were: Peggy Sheibley, Administrative Project Manager; Stuart Magdule, Esquire; Bryan Davis, Executive Director; Jack Robinson, DBHD; Pastor Briley and Paul Jones, AJB Drug and Alcohol Mentoring Services.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 16, 2013 were presented for approval. Mr. O'Toole moved to approve; seconded by Mr. Dunbar. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Leppo abstained as he was not present; Mr. Wilson had not yet arrived.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Reports for February and March, 2013 were presented for approval, subject to audit. Mr. Dunbar moved to approve; seconded by Mr. O'Toole. The motion passed unanimously. The Treasurer's Reports for April and May, 2013 were presented for review.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Davis announced to the members that we officially launched, advertised and promoted HRA's website as well as Facebook and Twitter. Please share any items that you feel are valuable to our website; for example, Bethel AME commemoration ceremony will be held at the Soldiers Grove on June 30, 2013. It is the trail that will end with a brief ceremony at the Transportation Center lobby. It runs from 3 to 6 pm and you will receive an email with the itinerary. Mr. Wilson inquired as to whom was handling the Twitter account. Mr. Davis replied that he was along with Facebook. He also inquired how often it was being monitored. Mr. Davis replied at least three times a day. Mr. Wilson offered his services to promote the Authority's social media. Mr. Leppo recommended signing up for the list serves that are offered on the Authority's website.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Robinson told the Board that title work and appraisals are in the works for a property in South Allison Hill to be developed as a parking area for a pharmacy.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 8-2013B, authorizing the Executive Director to execute an Extension of the Lease Agreement with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation to extend the existing Lease Agreement of the Terminal Property at the Harrisburg Transportation Center for one additional year until July 14, 2014. Mr. Magdule added that the lease with Amtrak was for thirty years and it is expiring on July 15, 2013. Mr. Davis and Mr. Magdule have had discussions as to what would be the appropriate course of action. We had a conference call with Amtrak and they made a suggestion to extend the lease for one year which gives both parties the opportunity to go over any issues and to decide where to go long term. Mr. Dunbar moved to approve the motion; seconded by Mr. O'Toole. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-2013, authorizing the Executive Director to execute the Sublease Agreement between the Redevelopment Authority and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation to extend the existing Sublease for one additional year until July 14, 2014. Mr. Dunbar moved to approve the motion; seconded by Mr. Wilson. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2013, authorizing the Authority to designate Second Street Baptist Church as Potential Developer of 1613A, 1615 and 1617 N. 5th Street, Harrisburg, PA to develop a facility for recovery support and community public services. Mr. Davis explained to the Board Members that these parcels were acquired by the City of Harrisburg and used exclusively by them for storage of appliances, materials and equipment for their Home Ownership Opportunity Program for many years; so the Authority has not had any control or interest in these parcels. Nor has the Authority contributed any funds to the properties and it has been maintained by the City, therefore, this property was put out on a RFP by the City sometime ago to which Pastor Briley made a formal proposal to the City. The Mayor's Office and DBHD have agreed that this would be an acceptable reuse for this property and also, along with City Council, allocated certain CDBG funds for renovations and subsequent funds for program operations. Application needs to be made to the Zoning Hearing Board by the developer. Pastor Briley added that nine mentors whom have been trained by the Drug and Alcohol Service will be working at the facility. This program at the new facility will give them the opportunity to mentor at least 25 to 30 a week by appointments only. Mr. Leppo inquired if all nine mentors are at the facility at one time and Pastor Briley replied that no; most often only four will be there. Also, Mr. Leppo inquired about the time allotted for each visit. Pastor Briley replied that most often an hour or more and added that home visits are also at times scheduled. Mr. Leppo asked what the zoning designation is for the parcels. Mr. Davis said that the zoning is residential planned conversion and there are certain restrictions that may require a special exception request. Mr. Dunbar moved to approve the motion; seconded by Mr. O'Toole. The motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Leppo pointed out, that if this property doesn't work out; Dr. Ponessa has his psychiatric offices for sale near the Polyclinic Hospital.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2013, authorizing the Executive Director to extend the commercial lease with Bieber Transportation Services for one year ending May 14, 2014. Mr. Wilson move to approve the motion, seconded by Mr. Dunbar. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary/Assistant Secretary