

## **REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF HARRISBURG**

### **Regularly Scheduled Meeting May 19, 2015 - 12:35 P.M.**

The Board of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Harrisburg held a Regular Meeting on May 19, 2015, in Suite 405, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Government Center, 10 North Second Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, at 12:35 p.m. Vice Chair Michael Wilson presided.

#### **PRESENT:**

Dwan Lee  
Crystal Baxter  
Michael Wilson

#### **ABSENT:**

Dan Leppo  
Nichole Proctor

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

#### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2015 were presented for approval. Ms. Baxter moved to approve; seconded by Mr. Lee. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report for February, 2015, was presented for approval, subject to audit. Mr. Lee moved to approve; seconded by Ms. Baxter. The motion passed unanimously. The Treasurer's Reports for March and April, 2015 were presented for review.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Davis brought to the Board Members attention his report related to the Harrisburg Transportation Center, adding that when the cooling system was activated we learned that there were pin holes in the pan that holds the water in the cooling tower. Therefore, temporary fixes were utilized with sealant. The allocation of the FTA funds hopefully will include funds for replacement of the cooling towers.

Mr. Wilson inquired if the recent train accident will affect the train station. Mr. Davis explained that Amtrak has been upgrading the switching for the passenger rail. He didn't hear anything as of this date related to any changes as a result of the accident near Philadelphia. Mr. Wilson added that he read that Amtrak must make changes in the northeast but the news was vague as to how these changes might affect the train station. Mr. Davis made a note to find out more information related to any possible changes.

Mr. Davis told the Board that the Harrisburg Midtown Arts Center opened a restaurant on the first floor. They should have the balance of the work finished by the end of June. And once they have their final Certificate of Occupancy they will schedule a ribbon cutting and tours.

Mr. Davis spoke about the application that was submitted to the Commonwealth for the Sylvan Heights Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Funding and a core component of that was the Harrisburg Housing Authority application to PHFA for financing of fifty units; two affordable apartment buildings, on fifteen (15) properties owned by HRA. A post April 30<sup>th</sup> update was that they were awarded their financing. Mr. Davis added that the artist's renderings of the new construction in his report will likely be somewhat different because of the City's input. The two buildings have off street parking under the building. Closing on the financing should be by the end of this year and we are waiting to see if the HHA would like to take title before the finance closing.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

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**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 5-2015**, authorizing the Authority to adopt and implement the “HRA 2014-2017 – Title VI Program” for Engineering and Rehabilitation with its notices and appendices related to FTA funds for rehabilitation at the Harrisburg Transportation Center. Mr. Payne explained that every three years we have to submit a Title VI Plan to the FTA in accordance with any grants that we have. We needed to redo the Title VI Plan and addressed all of the issues. The plan is basically non discrimination against any person of race, color or national origin. The Title VI Notice will be posted on our website and at the Harrisburg Transportation Center so that interested parties will be informed of the grievance process and HRA’s compliance with the Title VI. Mr. Lee said that he looked at the plan and felt that it was very good. Ms. Baxter inquired about the LEP program, if it was a new addition. Mr. Payne replied that FTA wanted HRA to expound more relating to identifying from the census percentages of languages spoken. Mr. Lee added that in his work, they received information on natives of Nepal coming to the area, so as a result they had to add more information to their plan. Ms. Baxter moved to approve the motion; seconded by Mr. Lee. The motion passed unanimously.

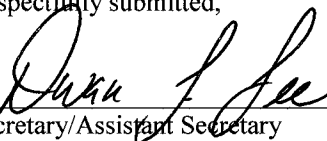
**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Secretary/Assistant Secretary