

MINUTES OF THE STARK COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION  
January 22, 2018

The Stark County Land Reutilization Corporation met for their regular meeting on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Stark County Regional Planning Commission Conference Room.

Board Members

Alex Zumbar  
Janet Creighton  
Bill Smith  
John Arnold

1. CALL TO ORDER BY SCLRC CHAIRMAN, Alex Zumbar

2. ROLL CALL – Board Members Present

Roll call found the following Board members in attendance: Alex Zumbar, Janet Creighton, Bill Smith, and John Arnold. Zumbar moved, Smith seconded, and the motion carried to excuse Lem Green due to a prior commitment.

3. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 18, 2017 MEETING

Arnold moved, Creighton seconded, and the motion carried to approve the minutes of December 18, 2017.

4. PUBLIC SPEAKS – No public speaks

5. TREASURER REPORT

The month of December ended with a checking account balance of \$1,033,332.97. Revenues were \$24,676.12 and total expenses were \$419,912.15. The Star Ohio Investment account had an ending balance of \$1,012,027.15 with \$1,133.09 interest earned, and the Star Plus Investment account had an ending balance of \$6,146.73. Creighton moved, Arnold seconded, and the motion carried to approve the Treasurer's Report for December.

6. FISCAL REPORT

Heather Cunningham presented the following fiscal items:

Post Approval of Payments

**1. City of Canton – NIP Payments \$1,700.00**

- a. 107850 – 1019 S. Liberty Ave. \$170.00
- b. 106353 – 959 S. Liberty Ave. \$170.00
- c. 100115 – 505 Hester Ave. \$170.00
- d. 109967 – 353 W. Vine St. \$170.00
- e. 112943 – 104 South St. \$170.00
- f. 115173 – 107 E. Cambridge St. \$170.00
- g. 103867 – 604 S. Freedom Ave. \$170.00
- h. 1000015 – 430 S. Liberty Ave. \$170.00
- i. 112952 – 49 E. Market St. \$170.00
- j. 100722 – 214 W. Washington St. \$170.00

**2. City of Canton – NIP Reimbursement #42 \$173,083.66**

- a. 200329 – 303 Lawn Ave. NW \$12,746.79
- b. 206269 – 816 Lawrence Rd. NE \$17,771.84
- c. 210486 – 1608 Stark Ave. SW \$14,673.18
- d. 2150502 – 2112 Maple Ave. NE \$12,402.99
- e. 215699 – 444 Crestmont Ave. SE \$14,402.11
- f. 215876 – 1654 Shriver Ave. NE \$13,548.84
- g. 226322 – 2310 Indiana Way NE \$16,567.00
- h. 235258 – 515 Herbert Pl NW \$14,401.84
- i. 221714 – 602 Hyke Ct SE \$16,384.35
- j. 219676 – 2013 Endrow Ave. NE \$9,685.35
- k. 220926 – 715 High Ave. NW \$17,172.52
- l. 233970 – 3407 Fairmount Blvd NE \$13,686.85

Zumbar moved, Arnold seconded, and the motion carried to approve the post-approval of the above noted payments.

7. NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE PROGRAM (NIP) REPORT – Lynn Carlone

**Carlone presented the Neighborhood Initiative Program (NIP) Update**

**City of Canton:**

❖ **471– Total number of acquired properties to date:**

- 270 demolitions have been completed overall – 0 new packets have been completed since the December report
  - 258 demolitions have been approved by OHFA – 0 new packets since the December report.
    - Current average cost of demolition per property is \$15,922.00
    - OHA mortgages are fully executed on 242 properties & OHFA reimbursement to SCLRC - \$3,827,856.97

- Canton has been reimbursed a total of \$3,943,278.31 for 270 properties
- SCLRC to be reimbursed an additional \$471,170.42 for 28 properties which will have OHA mortgages placed on them
- 12 additional demolition packets being readied by the RPC for submission to OHFA; OHFA to reimburse SCLRC additional - \$188,683.66

❖ **68 - Total Number of Properties Identified on a Current Active List for Acquisition under Round 3**

**City of Alliance:**

❖ **143 - Total number of acquired properties to date:**

- 64 demolition reimbursement packets have been submitted overall – 0 new packets since the December report.
  - 53 demolitions have been approved by OHFA – 0 new packets since December report
  - Current average cost of demolition per property is \$14,020.00
  - OHA mortgages are fully executed on 35 properties & OHFA reimbursement to SCLRC - \$470,309.58
    - Alliance has been reimbursed a total of \$663,150.33 for 53 properties
    - SCLRC to be reimbursed an additional \$262,666.70 for 18 properties which will have OHA mortgages placed on them
  - 11 additional demolition packets being readied by the RPC for submission to OHFA; OHFA to reimburse SCLRC additional - \$164,323.30

❖ **25 - Total Number of Properties Identified on a Current Active List for Acquisition under Round 3.** (1 additional parcel submitted by City & under review by RPC)

**City of Massillon:**

❖ **40 - Total number of acquired properties to date**

- 4 demolitions have been completed overall – 0 new demolition has been completed since December 2016
  - 4 demolitions have been approved by OHFA – 0 new packets since February report.
  - Current average cost of demolition per property is \$9,599.00
  - OHA mortgages are fully executed on 4 properties; OHFA reimburse to SCLRC - \$39,644.68
    - Massillon has been reimbursed a total of \$34,444.68 for 4 properties

❖ **22 - Total Number of Properties Identified on a Current Active List for Acquisition under Round 3.**

Arnold moved, Creighton seconded, and the motion carried to approve the NIP report as presented.

8. SIDE LOT/VACANT LOT PROGRAM REPORT – Sarah Peters  
**Sarah Peters presented the Side Lot Program Update:**

**Total Applications Submitted: 1394**  
*(6 applications were received since Dec. '17 update)*

Cities – 1200  
Canton: 974, Massillon: 91, Alliance: 135

Other Communities – 194

Bethlehem Twp – 8, Brewster – 2, Canal Fulton – 1, Canton Twp – 33, East Canton – 7, East Sparta – 2, Hartville – 3, Jackson Twp – 4, Lake Twp – 4, Lawrence Twp – 6, Lexington Twp – 32, Limaville – 2, Louisville – 2, Meyer’s Lake – 1, Minerva – 3, Nimishillen – 4, Osnaburg Twp – 12, Paris Twp – 3, Perry Twp – 10, Pike Twp – 8, Plain Twp – 30, Sandy Twp – 2, Sugarcreek Twp – 5, Tuscarawas Twp – 2, Washington Twp – 4, and Waynesburg – 3, Wilmot -1

- Total Number of Applications under Preliminary Review: 0
- Total Number of Applications Denied: 487
- Number of Canceled Applications/Fee Refunded: 51
- Total Number Pending Approval by Community: 26
- **Total Number of Approved Applications: 830**  
*(1 Application approved since last month’s update)*

- Total Number of Approved Applications Pending Deposit Receipt / NIP Early Lien Release Approval / Request for Foreclosure / Completed Foreclosure Proceeding: 218
- Total Number Being Prepared for Transfer: 36
- **Total Number Transferred to Date: 576**

**Vacant Lot Program Update:**

**Total Applications Submitted: 151**  
*(0 Applications received since the last month’s update)*  
Cities – 143; Canton: 131, Alliance: 11, Massillon: 1

Other Communities – 8

Canton Twp – 1, Hartville – 1, Lexington Twp – 2, Sugarcreek Twp – 1, Washington Twp - 3

- Total Number of Applications under Preliminary Review: 0
- Total Number of Applications Denied: 124
- Number of Canceled Applications/Fee Refunded: 2
- Total Number Pending Approval by Community: 7
- **Total Number of Approved Applications: 18**  
*(0 Applications approved since the last report)*

- Total Number of Approved Applications Pending Executed MOU/ Completion of Foreclosure Proceeding: 4
- Total Number Being Prepared for Transfer: 0
- Total Number Transferred to Date: 14

Smith moved, Zubar seconded, and the motion carried to approve the Side Lot/Vacant Lot report as presented.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Targeted Acquisition Assistance Program (TAAP) Request from EN-RICH-MENT  
Parcel #: 202882, 228091, 216343, 217227, 234985

Peters stated that RPC staff recently received requests from EN-RICH-MENT (Betty Smith) which is a non-profit organization. They are interested in acquiring some properties in the area of 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Streets NW between McKinley and Shorb Avenues NW to expand and utilize as an arts garden, and they also have plans to build an Arts Preparatory Academy Campus to further their mission. Copies of support letters from the City of Canton were provided for the Board. Staff has reviewed their request. Amy Armour was present representing EN-RICH-MENT. Creighton asked if the plans were to construct a building on the parcels. Armour stated yes, and the original intent was to request parcels just for additional community gardens, but they have since been able to plan a funding campaign enabling them to move forward in building a performance arts campus that can better facilitate the mission of the program. Arnold asked if there was any engagement between their organization and the school nearby. Armour stated many of their students do come as referrals from the school and live in the neighborhood. They also have music instructors from the Canton City Schools. Creighton moved, Arnold seconded, and the motion carried to approve the acquisition request from EN-RICH-MENT.

10. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Property Management Software Update

Peters stated some additional staff have been given access to the system so they can enter in information. Cuyahoga County is working with RPC staff to implement some additional features that they have created that staff will be able to utilize with the system. They are reorganizing a few sections based upon comments from users. The Board members will be receiving their log-ins in the near future.

11. Next Meeting – Monday, February 26, 2018 - 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 a.m.