

Stark County Land Reutilization Corporation
MINUTES – July 02, 2013

**Present: Alexander Zumbar, Janet Creighton, Scott Haws,
Thomas Bernabei.**

Chairman Alex Zumbar calls to order the meeting at 8:30 A.M.

Roll call: Alexander Zumbar, Janet Creighton, Scott Haws, Thomas Bernabei present.
Motion to excuse Member Green. Moved and seconded. Unanimous.

Minutes of May 13, 2013 regular meeting are approved as submitted. Unanimous.

Public Speaks: None

Review and discussion on Lake Township and Canton Township demolition agreements. Moved and seconded approval to adopt. Unanimous.

The other three previously tabled properties 664 Fries, 1108 Johnson and 1305 South Park can be removed from the table as the Chairman has the authority to approve at a later date if needed. No other action on these agreements is needed.

Regional Planning re-contacted all subdivisions regarding the new MOF Policy statement and guidelines and to advise them of demolition program and availability of demolition money. Subdivisions submitted a combined listing of fifty-five properties for demolition using non-match demolition funding. (Navarre property and Lake Twp and Canton Twp properties were included with the lists.) Believing each property on average will cost \$8,000 it is expected that these demolitions will cost approximately \$440,000 of non-match funding as only \$400,000 of non-match is available the balance of funding if needed will be provided by the SCLRC utilizing the DTAC funding. It was discussed that a subdivision might have replacement properties submitted to the list as a replacement to a property on the original list because of priority status within a subdivision or community. It is requested and intended that the list and any subsequent substitution to the list as submitted be acceptable and deemed as approved by the board so as to expedite the demolition without having to come back to the board for approval. If any significant asbestos abatement takes place it is asked that the Chairman be informed. It is expected that some demolitions may cost more than the \$8,000 estimate and some may cost less due to asbestos and type of construction. Should something cost significantly more... i.e. in excess of \$30,000 then the Chairman is to be notified and approval secured prior to any demolition proceeding.

Discussion regarding the property located at 228 Center Street in Navarre. Questions regarding historical significance and trustee/council approval were inquired. Board members are hesitant in moving forward with demolition of a potentially historical building without full approval of Mayor and Council. Village will be asked to provide a resolution requesting demolition to the SCLRC for further discussion and approval.

A primary and secondary listing was provided by the RPC to the SCLRC based upon tier structure adopted at the May 13, 2013 meeting under the policies and procedures. Motion to approve combining the lists into one list with the exception of the property located at 228 Center Street in Navarre for approval for use of non-match funding for demolition. Specific intention is granted for subdivisions to substitute properties and/or subtract or add to the list without having to return to the board for further approval. It is anticipated that some demolitions may cost more than original estimate of \$8,000 and some may cost less due to asbestos. Chairman is to be notified. Moved and seconded. Unanimous.

Discussion of RPC invoices submitted. Moved and seconded to approve Regional Planning invoices dated May 10, 2013 and June 11, 2013 as submitted. Unanimous.

Discussion of Moving Ohio Forward award notification and amended agreement was discussed. Additional amount of \$343,607 remaining funds is to be matched using SCLRC funding. Total awarded amount is now \$2,343,607 with pledged matches from Alliance (\$75,000), Canton (\$1,000,000), Plain Twp(\$100,000), Perry Twp(\$15,000), Pike Twp(\$500) and SCLRC (\$653,107). Moved and seconded. Unanimous.

Robin Darden-Thomas discussed the side-lot program policy. Policy may need to be revised in the future to incorporate larger lot sizes and also those that are not contiguous. For example, they may be across an alley or the street. The proposed policy that has been submitted for consideration is recommended to the Board for their approval. Moved and seconded. Unanimous.

Discussion of the recent Attorney General opinion that was contained in the Governor's biennial budget bill and adopted addresses and clarifies potential employee issues and conflict issues with the Land Reutilization Corporation.

Other business:

It was discussed at the recent June County Commissioner Association of Ohio meeting the possibility of the Attorney General Mike DeWine - Moving Ohio Forward Demolition Grant funding deadline of December 31, 2013 could be extended. It will be up to the Attorney General to decide whether or not to extend the program into 2014.

Robin Darden-Thomas added that Jim Rokakis was working with State of Ohio Congressional Representatives and working with State Senators and Legislative Representatives in Washington to free up \$60 million in funding for hardest hit areas throughout the State of Ohio. This could be a potential source of funding to extend the demolition work throughout areas within the State of Ohio.

Adjourned at 9:28 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Allbritain
Recording Secretary