

MINUTES OF THE STARK COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION
October 21, 2019

The Stark County Land Reutilization Corporation met for their regular meeting on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Stark County Regional Planning Commission Conference Room.

Board Members

Alex Zumbar
Lem Green
Janet Creighton
John Arnold
Bill Smith

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, Lem Green, John Arnold and Bill Smith.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 MEETING

Zumbar moved, Arnold seconded, and the motion carried to approve the minutes of September 16, 2019 meeting.

4. PUBLIC SPEAKS

5. UPDATE FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – Aaron Brown & Allison Harvey

Aaron Brown and Allison Harvey from Habitat for Humanity gave a presentation on how Habitat's partnership with the Land Bank has increased their opportunity to put strategies together to make a greater impact on neighborhoods. The Renewal Project works within a targeted area to create a better quality of life for residents within that neighborhood. Habitat does new construction, home preservation, critical home repairs, demolition, and repurposing land for green space. The Land Bank's Targeted Acquisition Assistance Program (TAAP) has assisted Habitat in acquiring tax-delinquent, vacant lots and homes in Canton and Massillon, which has proved very useful in increasing the potential in making an impact in those neighborhoods. Statistics and examples were given showing the impact the Land Bank's programs have made within those targeted areas.

6. TREASURER/FISCAL REPORT

Cunningham reviewed the Treasurer's Report for the month of September. Creighton moved, Zumbar seconded, and the motion carried to approve the Treasurer's report for September.

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

Carlone presented the Neighborhood Initiative Program (NIP) Update

City of Canton:**❖ 576– Total number of acquired properties to date:**

- 576 demolitions reimbursement packets have been completed overall – 0 new packets have been completed since the September report
 - 521 demolitions have been approved by OHFA – 17 new packets since the September report.
 - Current average cost of demolition per property is \$16,982.00
 - OHA mortgages are fully executed on 504 properties & OHFA reimbursement to SCLRC - \$8,397,879.91
 - Canton has been reimbursed a total of \$8,427,903.39 for 545 properties
 - OHA mortgages are pending on 17 properties & OHFA expected to reimburse SCLRC - \$325,742.65
 - 24 additional demolitions waiting on OHFA approval - \$434,258.64
 - 31 demolition packets being readied by the RPC for submission to OHFA; - total of \$643,075.17; OHFA to reimburse the NIP balance of \$167,923.57
 - 0 additional NIP reimbursement packets to be remitted prior to the completion of the program

(Possibly unpaid for the City of Canton is approximately \$475,000)

City of Alliance:**❖ 161 - Total number of acquired properties to date:**

- 161 demolition reimbursement packets have been submitted overall – 0 new packets since the July report.
 - 161 demolitions have been approved by OHFA – 21 new packets since September report
 - Current average cost of demolition per property is \$14,493.00
 - OHA mortgages are fully executed on 140 properties & OHFA reimbursement to SCLRC - \$2,017,617.99
 - Alliance has been reimbursed a total of \$2,123,195.46 for 161 properties
 - OHA mortgages are pending on 21 properties & OHFA expected to reimburse SCLRC - \$315,803.39
 - 0 additional demolitions waiting on OHFA approval - \$315,803.39
 - 0 additional NIP reimbursement packets to be remitted prior to the completion of the program.

City of Massillon:

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

- 60 demolitions reimbursement packets have been submitted overall – 0 new packets since September report
 - 40 demolitions have been approved by OHFA – 9 new packets since September report.
 - Current average cost of demolition per property is \$13,716.00
 - OHA mortgages are fully executed on 31 properties; OHFA reimburse to SCLRC - \$379,050.87
 - Massillon has been reimbursed a total of \$460,482.97 for 40 properties
 - OHA mortgages are pending on 9 properties & OHFA expected to reimburse SCLRC - \$143,632.10
 - 20 demolition packets being readied by the RPC for submission to OHFA – total of \$300,280.72; OHFA expected to reimburse the SCLRC - \$0.00
- 0 additional NIP reimbursement packets to be remitted prior to the completion of the program.

➤ Available NIP Funding	\$12,165,180.40
➤ NIP Funding Reimbursed	\$10,777,820.55
➤ Pending NIP Reimbursements	\$ 785,178.14
➤ Pending Submittals	\$ <u>434,258.14</u>
➤ Available NIP Balance for all outstanding demolitions	\$ 167,923.57

Arnold moved, Green seconded, and the motion carried to approve the NIP report as submitted.

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

Total Applications Submitted: 1,852
(13 applications were received since Sept '19 update)

Cities – 1,574 - Breakdown: Canton: 1,251, Massillon: 121, Alliance: 202

Other Communities – 278

Bethlehem Twp – 19, Brewster – 3, Canal Fulton – 1, Canton Twp – 58, East Canton – 7, East Sparta – 2, Hartville – 3, Jackson Twp – 4, Lake Twp – 5, Lawrence Twp – 9, Lexington Twp – 38, Limaville – 2, Louisville – 2, Marlboro – 1, Meyer’s Lake – 1, Minerva – 3, Nimishillen – 5, North Canton – 1, Osnaburg Twp – 15, Paris Twp – 3, Perry Twp – 11, Pike Twp – 18, Plain Twp – 34, Sandy Twp – 15, Sugarcreek Twp – 6, Tuscarawas Twp – 2, Washington Twp – 5, and Waynesburg – 4, Wilmot -1

 ➤ Total Number of Applications under Preliminary Review: 13

- Total Number of Applications Denied: 626
- Number of Canceled Applications/Fee Refunded: 67
- Total Number Pending Approval by Community: 53
- **Total Number of Approved Applications: 1,093**
(3 Applications approved since Sept '19 update)

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- Total Number of Approved Applications Pending Deposit Receipt / NIP Early Lien Release Approval / Request for Foreclosure / Completed Foreclosure Proceeding: 219
 - Total Number Being Prepared for Transfer: 51
 - **Total Number Transferred to Date: 823**

Vacant Lot Program Update:

Total Applications Submitted: 198

(0 Applications received since Sept '19 update)

Cities – 169: Canton: 155, Alliance: 11, Massillon: 3

Other Communities – 29

Bethlehem Twp - 8, Canton Twp – 5, Hartville – 1, Lexington Twp – 2, Sugarcreek Twp – 1, Washington Twp – 4, Jackson Twp – 2, Sandy – 5, Perry Twp - 1

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- Total Number of Applications under Preliminary Review: 0
 - Total Number of Applications Denied: 148
 - Number of Canceled Applications/Fee Refunded: 5
 - Total Number Pending Approval by Community: 5
 - **Total Number of Approved Applications: 40**
(0 Application approved since Sept '19 report)

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- Total Number of Approved Applications Pending Executed MOU/ Completion of Foreclosure Proceeding: 11
 - Total Number Being Prepared for Transfer: 7
 - Total Number Transferred to Date: 22

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

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Demolition Assistance Program Requests:

- City of Canton
 - 308 Crestmont Ave. NE - Parcel #205441 – (requesting \$5,515.00)
 - 319 Woodward Pl. NW – Parcel #227179 – (requesting \$7,330.00)

Green moved, Creighton seconded, and the motion carried to approve the Demolition Assistance requests for the City of Canton.

10. OLD BUSINESS

Nau stated that RPC did meet with the Prosecutor's office to discuss the new contract for 2020. They are still in the process of ongoing negotiations, but they hope to have an agreement by next month.

11. Next Meeting – November 18th 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.