

MINUTES OF THE STARK COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION
November 16, 2020

The Stark County Land Reutilization Corporation met for their regular meeting on Monday, November 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Stark County Regional Planning Commission Conference Room. The option to participate via teleconference was made available.

Board Members Present

Alex Zumbar
Janet Creighton
Lem Green
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, John Arnold and Lem Green. Bill Smith was absent.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2020 MEETING

Green moved and Creighton seconded to approve the minutes of October 19, 2020 meeting. Roll call vote: Zumbar -yes, Creighton - yes, Green – yes, Arnold – Abstained. Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC SPEAKS – Carol Smith, Hall of Fame Village

Carol Smith gave an update on their project that was possible through the grant provided by the Land Bank. They have about 20 structures still to take down. There was a problem with the contractor about a month ago that was onsite. It's a family owned company, and they had an internal squabble with a brother and sister, but that has all been resolved. They are back on site, but it did create a delay. They did work on the transfer of property with the Pro Football HOF who gave us access to the houses that were not yet in our control. The HOF Village finally got that control at the end of October and are moving through the process. That is about 18 of the structures in that total of houses, and there were 12 that were owned by the Pro Football HOF. The contractor will be on site every day weather permitting, doing final clean-up for the site, the grading and seeding at the sites. They also had a cut and fill issue with the basements they were taking out, which they did have the surveyor come out to address that issue. They are probably a little bit behind schedule by about 2-3 weeks. But understand too from the grant perspective that they've only had two pay-ups from the contractor turned in thus far. They have paid the contractor but have not submitted anything yet for reimbursement.

Nau stated because the contract ends November 30th, he requested the board approve a 30-day extension until the end of December. Smith stated that would be more than enough time. Zumbar asked if the school was still utilizing the one facility. Smith stated yes, they are. They will take that building out of the contract for now until they can address the issues with the school still using the storage building. Smith stated the school needs to get a storage building up so their equipment can be moved over. Creighton moved and Arnold seconded to approve the extension of the contract with the

Hall of Fame Village through December 31, 2020. Roll call vote: Zumbar -yes, Creighton - yes, Green – yes, Arnold – yes. Motion carried.

5. TREASURER/FISCAL REPORT

Heather Cunningham reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for the month of October. Zumbar moved and Green seconded to approve the Treasurer’s Report as submitted. Roll call vote: Zumbar - yes, Creighton - yes, Green – yes, Arnold – yes. Motion carried.

Cunningham reviewed the 2021 proposed budget, with no action to be taken by the Board until the December meeting.

6. SIDE LOT/VACANT LOT PROGRAM REPORT

Sarah Peters provided the Side Lot Program Update:

Total Applications Submitted: 2,061

(8 applications were received since Oct. '20 update)

Cities – 1,722

Canton: 1,362, Massillon: 133, Alliance: 227

Other Communities – 339

Bethlehem Twp – 30, Brewster – 9, Canal Fulton – 1, Canton Twp – 64, East Canton – 7, East Sparta – 2, Hartville – 3, Jackson Twp – 6, Lake Twp – 6, Lawrence Twp – 11, Lexington Twp – 40, Limaville – 2, Louisville – 2, Marlboro Twp. – 1, Meyer’s Lake – 1, Minerva – 3, Nimishillen – 6, North Canton – 1, Osnaburg Twp – 15, Paris Twp – 3, Perry Twp – 14, Pike Twp – 20, Plain Twp – 34, Sandy Twp – 40, Sugarcreek Twp – 6, Tuscarawas Twp – 2, Washington Twp – 5, Waynesburg – 4, Wilmot -1

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- Total Number of Applications under Preliminary Review: 3
 - Total Number of Applications Denied: 878
 - Number of Canceled Applications/Fee Refunded: 70
 - Total Number Pending Approval by Community: 29
 - **Total Number of Approved Applications: 1,081**
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- Total Number of Approved Applications Pending Deposit Receipt / NIP Early Lien Release Approval / Request for Foreclosure / Completed Foreclosure Proceeding: 110
 - Total Number Being Prepared for Transfer: 24
 - **Total Number Transferred to Date: 947**

Vacant Lot Program Update:

Total Applications Submitted: 224

(0 Applications received since Oct. '20 update)

Cities – 185; Canton: 164, Alliance: 13, Massillon: 8

Other Communities – 39

Bethlehem Twp - 15, Canton Twp – 7, Hartville – 1, Jackson Twp – 2, Lake – 1, Lexington Twp – 2, Perry – 1, Sandy – 5, Sugarcreek Twp – 1, Washington Twp – 4

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- Total Number of Applications under Preliminary Review: 0
 - Total Number of Applications Denied: 172
 - Number of Canceled Applications/Fee Refunded: 7
 - Total Number Pending Approval by Community: 4
 - **Total Number of Approved Applications: 41**

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- Total Number of Approved Applications Pending Executed MOU/ Completion of Foreclosure Proceeding: 2
 - Total Number Being Prepared for Transfer: 0
 - Total Number Transferred to Date: 39

Zumbar moved and Arnold seconded to approve the Side Lot/Vacant Lot report as presented. Roll call vote: Zumbar -yes, Creighton - yes, Green – yes, Arnold – yes. Motion carried.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Targeted Acquisition Program Requests
 - City of Canton – Parcel #229776 – 209 Elgin Ave. NW
- b. Demolition Assistance Program Requests
 - City of Canton – Parcel #235926 – 1217 Louisiana Ave. NW

Green moved and Creighton seconded to approve the above-noted requests from the City of Canton. Roll call vote: Zumbar -yes, Creighton - yes, Green – yes, Arnold – yes. Motion carried.

c. Prosecutor’s Agreement

Stephan Babik, Prosecutor’s office, noted two changes that need to be made to the agreement as it was submitted. The first change is on page two, section two, where the date for the term ending should be on December 31, 2021. The second change is in response to the results of the recent election, where John Ferrero will not be Prosecutor starting in January 2021. A signature line should be added for the incoming Prosecutor, provided he is in agreement with it. Services would then continue without interruption. With those two changes, the Prosecutor’s office asks that the agreement be approved.

Zumbar asked if the Board would like to give Mr. Babik an opportunity to correct the agreement and resubmit it. Creighton asked if there are any significant differences in the agreement. Babik stated it is exactly the same. Nau stated it is an annual contract at a minimum of \$56,250, and if they do over 75 foreclosures, they get an additional \$750 per case. Arnold stated he would be inclined to go ahead and pass it right now because of the changes that are coming up. Arnold moved and Creighton seconded to approve the Prosecutor’s agreement as amended. Roll call vote: Zumbar -yes, Creighton - yes, Green – yes, Arnold – yes. Motion carried.

8. Old Business

Starfire Gas Station Update

Nau stated they are still waiting on the results of the environmental tests on the Starfire gas station on Route 62. There was a brief discussion on the Starfire gas station on Market Avenue, but it had been purchased and is in private ownership now.

U.S. EPA Brownfield Assessment Funding

Nau stated that Rachel Forchione submitted the U.S. EPA Brownfield Assessment grant application for brownfield grant funding, but they won't know until sometime in the spring if they will be selected to receive any funding.

9. Next Meeting – December 21st - 9:00 a.m. - The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.