

MINUTES OF THE STARK COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION
August 15, 2022

The Stark County Land Reutilization Corporation met for their regular meeting on Monday, August 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Stark County Regional Planning Commission Conference Room.

Board Members Present

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, John Arnold and Bill Smith.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2022 MEETING

Arnold moved and Smith seconded to approve the minutes of July 18, 2022 meeting. Roll call vote: Zumbar – yes, Creighton – yes, Smith – yes, Arnold – yes. Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC SPEAKS

5. TREASURER/FISCAL REPORT

Heather Cunningham reviewed the Treasurer's Report and the requested budget revision. The budget revision proposes to reduce Property Acquisition Expenses by \$24,732.12, and reduce Residential Demo Program expenses by \$19,212.33, and taking those monies to increase the Commercial Demo Program expenses by \$43,944.45. That will bring the remaining Commercial Demo Program amount to \$136,957.56. The Board is aware that North Canton and ABCD have two pending projects that prior to this revision request are fundable completely with the current budget; however, there is a commercial demo application request on the agenda for the City of Canton. In order to approve Canton's request, a budget revision will be needed. Nau added in part it is due to the Alliance downtown project that was anticipated to come in late last year, but instead it came in early this year, which affected this year's budget. Creighton moved and Arnold seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report for July and the budget revision as presented. Roll call vote: Zumbar – yes, Creighton – yes, Smith – yes, Arnold – yes. Motion carried.

6. SIDE LOT/VACANT LOT PROGRAM REPORT

Bob Nau provided the Side Lot Program Update:

Total Applications Submitted: 2,368
(11 applications were received since July '22 update)

Cities – 1,967

Canton: 1,548, Massillon: 170, Alliance: 249

Other Communities – 401

Beach City – 1, Bethlehem Twp – 50, Brewster – 9, Canal Fulton – 1, Canton Twp – 81, East Canton – 7, East Sparta – 2, Hartville – 3, Jackson Twp – 6, Lake Twp – 6, Lawrence Twp – 12, Lexington Twp – 48, Limaville – 2, Louisville – 2, Marlboro – 1, Meyer’s Lake – 1, Minerva – 5, Nimishillen – 6, North Canton – 2; Osnaburg Twp – 15, Paris Twp – 3, Perry Twp – 17, Pike Twp – 21, Plain Twp – 37, Sandy Twp – 41, Sugarcreek Twp – 6, Tuscarawas Twp – 2, Washington Twp – 6, Waynesburg – 6, Wilmot-1

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- Total Number of Applications under Preliminary Review: 5
 - Total Number of Applications Denied: 881
 - Number of Canceled Applications/Fee Refunded: 176
 - Total Number Pending Approval by Community: 31
 - **Total Number of Approved Applications: 1,275**
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- Total Number of Approved Applications Pending Deposit Receipt / NIP Early Lien Release Approval / Request for Foreclosure / Completed Foreclosure Proceeding: 152
 - Total Number Being Prepared for Transfer: 25
 - **Total Number Transferred to Date: 1,098**

Vacant Lot Program Update:

Total Applications Submitted: 333

(1 Application received since July '22 update)

Cities – 237; Canton: 197, Alliance: 27, Massillon: 13

Other Communities – 96

Bethlehem Twp – 57, Canton Twp – 11, Hartville – 1, Jackson Twp – 2, Lake – 1, Lexington Twp – 7, Nimishillen – 3, Paris – 1, Perry – 1, Sandy Twp – 7; Sugarcreek Twp – 1, Washington Twp – 4,

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- Total Number of Applications under Preliminary Review: 1
 - Total Number of Applications Denied: 216
 - Number of Canceled Applications/Fee Refunded: 7
 - Total Number Pending Approval by Community: 21
 - **Total Number of Approved Applications: 88**
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- Total Number of Approved Applications Pending Executed MOU/ Completion of Foreclosure Proceeding: 45
 - Total Number Being Prepared for Transfer: 1
 - Total Number Transferred to Date: 42

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

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Targeted Acquisition Assistance Requests:

- City of Massillon – 2215 Main Avenue W. – Parcels #608430 & 608429

Nau stated these two parcels in the city of Massillon have been tax delinquent since August 2009, and the city wants to acquire the property and make it green space. Creighton moved and Smith seconded to approve the TAAP request from the City of Massillon. Roll call vote: Zumbar – yes, Creighton – yes, Smith – yes, Arnold – yes. Motion carried.

b. Demolition Assistance Requests:

- City of Canton – 1031 W. Tuscarawas Street – Parcel #208747

Nau stated the demolition of the Canton Inn is part of the City of Canton's Shorb Neighborhood Redevelopment plan. This property is currently owned by the CIC. The estimate for the demolition of this structure was at \$141,465, and the city is asking for 50% of that amount at \$70,732. Arnold moved and Creighton seconded to approve the DAP request from the City of Canton. Roll call vote: Zumbar – yes, Creighton – yes, Smith – yes, Arnold – yes. Motion carried.

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. City of North Canton – 407 N. Main St – Request for Extension

Nau stated that at June's meeting, the Board approved the city's request to extend their DAP agreement 60 days with a new deadline of September 1st. Nau recently received an email from Rob Graham, North Canton's Engineer, stating the earliest they can begin demolition of this structure is August 31st, so the city is requesting an additional 30 days extension to the agreement. Arnold moved and Smith seconded to approve North Canton's request to extend the agreement 30 days. Jerry Yost, Prosecutor's office, stated the city of North Canton and the owner of this property are still in an active appropriation case with this property. North Canton does not have ownership of this property yet. Zumbar stated he would like to hear directly from the city of North Canton. Zumbar asked Nau to follow up with that appropriation matter and have John Anthony weigh in on that call. Roll call vote: Zumbar – yes, Creighton – yes, Smith – yes, Arnold – yes. Motion carried.

b. Demolition and Site Revitalization Grant Agreement Update

Nau stated the previous ODOD agreement had been reviewed and approved, but the Ohio Land Bank Association got involved in response to the concerns of other land banks regarding some of the terms of the agreement, which resulted in revisions being made to the agreement. This grant agreement is for the \$500,000 of state demo money that each county receives. The three demolition projects that will be funded with this grant are Bishops Gate in Lake Township at \$55,000, the two downtown buildings in Massillon at \$225,000, and North Canton's K-Mart building, which they have submitted the request for reimbursement already at \$264,321. The total for those three projects is at \$544,321. North Canton may not get entirely funded, however, there is discretionary money at an 80/20 split, but ODOD has not yet said what the application process is for that.

Zumbar asked that an update on the Columbus Starfire gas station be given at next month's meeting.

9. Next Meeting – September 19, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.