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Regular Meeting / September 25, 2012  
Minutes

Attendance: Israel Mac, Dave Cooper, Mike Gauthier, Ed Clark, William Notte, Jerry Kreitzer, Claus Bartenstein, Barbara Allen and Brennan Duffy.

Absent: Wendy Wilton.

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 am.

I. Jerry moved to approve the amended minutes of September 11, 2012. William seconded. Dave suggested that the minutes be revised to clarify the Board's previous actions regarding exemptions. Motion was approved.

II. Ed moved to authorize Dave to sign the Fund 800 expenses totaling \$2,016.90 for payment. William seconded. Motion was approved.

III. Barbara provided the following grant status report:

Municipal Planning Grant – Application is complete and being reviewed by Brennan. Due 9/28. Requested \$8,000 and kept budget modest to be more competitive. Awaiting RRPC letter of support.

Housing Needs Assessment – Waiting for a few minor details to close out grant.

Wayfinding Signage – Signs for Phase I have been delivered. Joe Giancola donated storage space until the DPW can do the installation. RFP for Phase II is completed. Notice will run in Herald on Oct. 1. Bids are due Oct. 22 when the Board of Finance will open them and award contract.

Blighted Property Initiative – Letter of Intent submitted for December grant round.

Cultural Facilities Grant Program – Rep. Herb Russell requested that the RRA research grant funds to construct a roof structure to protect the donated historical railroad passenger car.

Hickory Street Apartments - Kevin Loso called requesting that the City submit an application to VCDP for funds to complete Phase II of the Forest Park Rehabilitation project. City can not submit two applications per grant round; therefore we are

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waiting for response to LOI regarding Blighted Properties Initiative before responding to Kevin's request.

IV. Dave moved that the RRA formally adopt the proposed RRA procedural policy regarding external grant search requests. Jerry seconded. Motion was approved.

V. Brennan provided the following status reports:

Post Office Annex: Update on scaffolding removal and wrap implementation deadline Dec. 1.

GMP purchased the Eastman's building for its Energy Innovation Center.

VT Farmers Food Center Tax Stabilization – Brennan recommended that the RRA Board forward to the Board of Aldermen a favorable recommendation for tax stabilization of the Farmer's Market new site on West Street.

Potential Solar Array Sites - Working with several developers to locate potential sites within in the City.

Blighted Property Initiative – Work continues on drafting improved ordinances and incentives for private investment.

Housing Needs Assessment – Consultant has provided detailed maps of the target revitalization area.

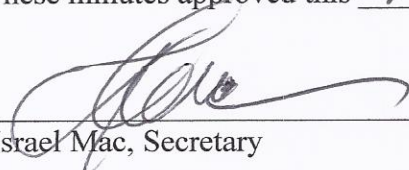
Parking Garage – Continued discussion with State based on report from third party consultant.

Evelyn Street Reconfiguration – Continued planning on redesign options. Creative Economy is interested in participating in planning process.

VI. Mike emphasized the need for the RRA to involve residents and property owners in housing needs activities in order to generate “grass roots” support for housing initiatives and related programs.

VII. Jerry moved to adjourn. William seconded. Motion was approved. The meeting ended at 8:44 am.

These minutes approved this 9<sup>TH</sup> day of Oct, 2012.

  
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Israel Mac, Secretary