

EASTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
October 17, 2012

Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Easton Redevelopment Authority was held on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 in the 3rd floor conference room, One South Third Street, Easton, PA. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mr. McAteer. Members present: Mr. McAteer, Mr. Pesaresi, and Ms. Moser-Collins. Staff present: Ms. Woolverton. Solicitor Dan Cohen was present.

A motion to approve the meeting minutes of the regular meeting of September 19, 2012 was made by Mr. Pesaresi, seconded by Ms. Moser-Collins, approved by all.

New Business

Approval of Bills. Copies of the bills for September were distributed to the Board. A motion to approve payment of the bills was made by Mr. Pesaresi, seconded by Ms. Moser-Collins, approved by all.

Agreement between RDA and Sawyers – Gerspach Court. Mr. Cohen said the Redevelopment Authority sold 8-12 Gerspach Court to the Sawyers in June of 2006, with the intent of the property being rehabilitated and owner occupied. The property is still not fully rehabilitated or occupied, and the intent of the agreement was to outline revised timeframes for the work to be performed, and also release the owner-occupied requirement. The agreement gives the Sawyers until April 15, 2013 to obtain a clear certificate of occupancy or the property will revert back to ownership of the RDA. A motion to approve the resolution authorizing the signing of the contract was made by Ms. Moser-Collins, seconded by Mr. Pesaresi, approved by all.

VM Group contract for Construction Management at the Silk Mill. Ms. Woolverton explained that this agreement is similar to the agreement that was entered into with the VM Group for construction management during the demolition of the Francis Building. This contract will cover construction management services for the additional demolition work, road construction, other site development and environmental remediation. A motion to accept the resolution authorizing the signing of the contract was made by Mr. Pesaresi, seconded by Ms. Moser-Collins, approved by all.

Agreement of Sale 672 Pine Street. Ms. Woolverton explained that a purchase offer had been received for 672 Pine Street from Jonathon Strucko. Because Mr. Strucko has become recently self-employed, the bank is requesting two years of tax records in order to approve the mortgage. Mr. Strucko will not be able to furnish the second year of tax returns until after his 2012 taxes are filed. Therefore, the agreement is to close on the property by April 15, 2013. Meanwhile, Mr. Strucko is responsible for paying \$500/month to the RDA, which will be held in a non-interest bearing account and will be applied toward the purchase of the property. Mr. Strucko is also responsible for payment of taxes and property maintenance. A motion to authorize the signing of the

agreement of sale was made by Mr. Pesaresi, seconded by Ms. Moser-Collins, approved by all.

Adoption of new logo and moniker. Ms. Woolverton said in June of 2012 the board approved a professional service contract with Mande Taylor for the graphic design services to create a new logo for the Authority. That logo has been designed and approved by staff. A motion to approve the adoption of the new logo and revised moniker of "RDA" was made by Mr. Pesaresi, seconded by Ms. Moser-Collins, approved by all.

Directors Report. The Director's report was distributed in the meeting packet.

Certifications of Blight. Ms. Woolverton said the following properties had been certified as blighted by the Vacant Property Committee and the Easton Planning Commission:

- 56 S. 5th Street
- 617 Ferry Street
- 616 Northampton Street
- 680 Pine Street
- 48 N. Delaware Drive
- 809 W. Berwick Street
- 428 Filbert Street

She added the RDA was interested in the property located at 680 Pine Street, and the Solicitor had been directed to begin a title search of the property.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

ATTEST:

BY:

Nancy Moser-Collins
Secretary

Richard McAteer
Chair

DATE:

SEAL: