

**EASTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**April 18, 2012**

**Roll Call**

The regular meeting of the Easton Redevelopment Authority was held on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, Ms. Moser-Collins, Ms. Lauritzen, Mr. Houston, and Mr. Pesaresi. Staff present: Ms. Longenbach and Ms. Woolverton. Solicitor Dan Cohen was present.

A motion to approve the meeting minutes of the regular meeting of March 21, 2012 was made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Mr. Pesaresi, approved by all.

**New Business**

**Approval of Bills.** Copies of the bills for March were distributed to the Board. A motion to approve payment of the bills was made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Mr. Pesaresi, approved by all.

**Regain Title of 118 Northampton Street.** Ms. Longenbach said several times over the past few years, attempts had been made to sell 118 Northampton Street to a developer for redevelopment. Access and construction staging has proven to be difficult at the location. With 120 Northampton Street receiving blighted designation, it is now possible to move forward with both, which will create a more appealing prospect for a developer, especially with the recently acquired parking lot at 129 Northampton Street. 118 Northampton Street needs to be repurchased, per the terms of the sales agreement, from the developer who was unable to proceed with his plans. Mr. Cohen said the developer had purchased the building for \$10,000, and that it what they would be paid on the repurchase, minus any outstanding taxes or liens. A motion to approve the resolution authorizing the repurchase of 118 Northampton Street was made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Mr. Pesaresi, approved by all.

**Acquisition of 120 Northampton Street.** Ms. Longenbach said the property had gone through the blighted property process and an appeal by the owner, who is now willing to have the Authority acquire the property. She said the solicitor has prepared the necessary documents to start the process. A motion to approve the resolution authorizing the taking of the property and the payment of just compensation to the owner was made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Mr. Pesaresi, approved by all.

**Permission of Land Use.** Ms. Longenbach explained that CACLV has used the Authority's vacant lot at 1426 Lynn Street for several years as a community garden and would like to renew the agreement of use. CACLV provided a certificate of insurance. A motion to approve the resolution authorizing CACLV to continue use of the land was made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Ms. Moser-Collins, approved by all.

**Certifications of Blight.** Ms. Longenbach explained the properties locates at 373 W. Nesquehoning Street, 51 S. Warren Street, 675 Pine Street, 501 Northampton Street, 687 Northampton Street, and 430 W. Lincoln Street had all been certified as blighted.

**Director's Report.** The Director's report was distributed in the packet. There were no questions or comments. Ms. Longenbach said the Phase 1 of the Silk Mill redevelopment would be before the Planning Commission in May. She said another Lafayette College cleanup day is being scheduled at the Silk mill, with the focus on buildings J & K.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm.

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Nancy Moser-Collins  
Secretary  
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Richard McAteer  
Chair  
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