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## **Pittsburgh Land Bank [PLB] Minutes**

**May 14, 2021**

### **Convene:**

The Chair called meeting to order.

### **Roll Call:**

Greg Miller called the Roll. Members Present: Reverend Burgess, Chair; Councilman Lavelle; Dr. Jamil Bey; Senator Fontana; Wanda Wilson; Steve Mazza

### **Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

◇ Motion to approve the April 2021 Board meeting minutes [**Bey/Lavelle**] Passed unanimously

### **Chairman's Report:**

- Announcement of Executive Committee meeting was conducted to discuss facilitating the PLB's progress
- Outstanding SOFI Form need to be sent to Mimi Rice

### **Executive's Report:**

- Onboarding PULSE Fellow
  - Will work closely with PLB staff supporting day-to-day operations and overall workplan
  - Anticipated start date is September 2021
  - Full-time 35 hours per week w/ PLB Manager, Greg Miller
  - Identify a Capstone project and objectives that satisfy the PLB workplan
- Pittsburgh Property Reserve
  - PLB will work closely with the City and CDCs to identify properties and neighborhood priorities to successfully transfer property from the Reserve into productive use.
- Site Visits
  - Greg Miller visited several properties on May 4<sup>th</sup> that would be great candidates for the PLB
  - Greg will take an "on the ground" approach of analyzing properties first-hand to understand the neighborhood/community interest and priorities
  - 6 Boggs Avenue
    - Property has a Tangled Title
    - Working to get the property cosmetically cleaned up

- Potential property for a business on the lower level and residential opportunities on the upper level
    - Working with Councilwoman Kail-Smith and community stakeholders to identify the best use of the property
  - 243 Meadow Street
    - Working with outside counsel to quiet the title
    - Interested party scheduled to meet with Greg Miller in the upcoming weeks to discuss next steps
- Intergovernmental
  - The PLB will be working closely with the 3 Taxing Bodies over the next few months to gain consensus on the appropriate next steps for recycling land more efficiently.

#### **Finance Report:**

- Greg Miller reviewed the April 2021 Expenditures

#### **Legislative Updates:**

Senator Fontana discussed the following:

- MCTLL Update
  - Seeking Co-sponsorship
  - Legislation to be introduced soon
- HB 610
  - Bill would expand environmental liability protection to Land Banks
  - Bill was introduced on March 1, 2021 by Rep. Austin Davis and referred to the House Urban Affairs Committee
  - House Urban Affairs Committee plans to hold a vote on HB610 on May 25<sup>th</sup>
  - URA & PLB sent letters of support for the Bill

#### **New Business:**

- Creation of a Fundraising Committee
  - Consist of Board Members (no more than 4) and Community representatives
  - Rev. Burgess volunteered to be the 1<sup>st</sup> participant

◇ Motion to Create a Fundraising Committee. **[Lavelle/Fontana]** Passed unanimously.

#### **Adjournment:**

The Chair called for adjournment.

◇ Motion to adjourn. **[Lavelle/Fontana]** Passed unanimously.