



Pittsburgh Land Bank [PLB] Minutes

June 11, 2021

Convene:

The Vice-Chair called meeting to order.

Roll Call:

Greg Miller called the Roll. Members Present: Councilman Lavelle; Dr. Jamil Bey; Senator Fontana; Steve Mazza, Councilwoman Kail-Smith

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Vice-Chairman's Report:

Dr. Jamil Bey reported in several community meetings in the past three weeks, there has been a shift in optimism regarding the Land Bank and its work. Greg and Diamonte's community engagement efforts are commended.

Executive's Report:

- Welcomed new URA Program Assistant Jenn Schaber
- Pittsburgh Property Reserve 1.0
 - PLB Staff has been meeting with several CDC groups and community stakeholders to:
 - Build partnerships with CDC groups and other non-profit development groups
 - Move properties out of the reserve much quicker
 - Collaborate with CDCs and City Finance to move properties stuck in the existing Property Reserve through a separate, expedited title service process
 - PLB participating in monthly Vacant Property Working Group meetings held with CDC groups to identify neighborhood priorities and PPR properties of interest.
 - The city is no longer accepting new properties into the property reserve, it will eventually transition into a Property Reserve 2.0.
 - PLB Immediate next steps
 - Actively identifying an inaugural ~50 properties to be managed by the Land Bank for disposition (PPR and URA owned parcels)
 - URA properties will be articulated in a PLB strategic plan refresh to be presented to the board

- PPR properties to include only those identified by CDC groups as neighborhood properties or that have a demonstrated end use with a focus on affordable housing
- Moving PPR properties through PLB involves close coordination with the City Finance and Real Estate Depts.
- The above and information gathered from the Vacant Property Working Group will inform PPR 2.0

Finance Report:

- Greg Miller reviewed the May 2021 Expenditures

Legislative Updates:

Senator Fontana discussed the following:

- June 3rd House Urban Affairs Committee public hearing on Blight Remediation
 - Greg Miller testified at the hearing on behalf of PLB
 - Comments well received by committee
 - Members seemed receptive to recommendations on MCTLL and the Conservatorship Act
- House Bill 610
 - Vote Passed 24-1 at the Urban Affairs Committee
 - Awaiting action on house floor
- Municipal Claims Tax Lien Law (MCTTL)
 - Working on final edits of the draft
 - Hoping draft will be finalized and introduced soon

New Business

None

Approval of Minutes:

◇ Motion to approve the May 2021 Board meeting minutes [**Mazza/Fontana**] Passed unanimously

Adjournment:

The Vice Chair called for adjournment.

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