



Pittsburgh Land Bank [PLB] Minutes
March 10, 2023

Convene

The Chair called the meeting to order.

I. Roll Call

Emily Kauchak (PLB Assistant Manager) called the roll. Members present: Rev. Ricky Burgess, Dr. Jamil Bey, Councilman Bobby Wilson, Director Steve Mazza, and Director Wanda Wilson. Director Karen Brean and Councilman Lavelle joined the meeting after the roll call.

The PLB Board had a quorum.

II. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

III. Chairman's Report

Approval of February 2023 Minutes

◇ Motion to approve the February 2023 Board meeting minutes [**Bey/B. Wilson**] Passed unanimously.

Review of February 2023 Financial Report

◇ Motion to accept the February 2023 Financial Report and approve the URA to PLB invoice [**Mazza/B. Wilson**] Passed unanimously.

IV. Staff Updates

Sally Stadelman, Manager of the Pittsburgh Land Bank, and Emily Kauchak, Assistant Manager, updated board members regarding the Land Bank's progress on five (5) pending property sales, and progress in managing the properties in the Pittsburgh Property Reserve ("PPR"). The PLB has been working with CDCs to submit 69 properties to upcoming Treasurer's sales in April and June and will continue working with community groups for the September and October upcoming sales. PLB Staff shared a chart related to the PPR Donation Agreement between the PLB, City, and GRB Law showing the properties in various stages of the quiet title process as well as some ready for sale to community groups.

The PLB received a petition signed by 19 interested parties objecting to the sale of 243 Meadow to the Urban Academy. Staff will work with board members, the Urban Academy, Larimer Consensus Group, and other interested parties to schedule a predisposition public meeting in the neighborhood.

Ms. Stadelman answered questions from the Board about the above items.



RFP for Quiet Title Services

The PLB received an application from GRB Law for services related to title, settlement, quiet title, and tax foreclosure work. The RFP remains open for submissions until Monday, March 27, 2023, at 5:00 PM EST.

◇ Motion to approve a resolution authorizing The Pittsburgh Land Bank to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with GRB Law for Quiet Title services. **[Bey/W. Wilson]** Passed unanimously.

V. Legislative Update

Ms. Stadelman addressed two pending pieces of legislation relevant to the PLB's operations this year.

The Tri-Party Cooperation Agreement Amendment is currently before City Council. There are no updates since the December City Council briefing. City Council is to schedule a public hearing before the amendment to the Tri-Party Cooperation Agreement can return to the Council table for more discussion and a vote.

Senator Wayne Fontana has reintroduced legislation to amend the Municipal Claims and Tax Lien Law (MCTLL) at the State level (SB202). The bill is circulating in the House as well.

Neena Hagen directed a question to Chairman Burgess about movement of the Tri-Party Legislation. Chairman Burgess acknowledged and answered her questions related to a timeline and approval of the amendment

VI. Public Comment

- Billie Vaughn – former East Liberty resident, now residing on the Northside, commented on the Property Reserve process for community groups and would like to see similar processes in place for individuals
- John Evans

VII. Adjournment

The Chair called for adjournment. The Chair moved to rescind the motion to adjourn to accommodate a public comment from Mr. Evans who was experiencing technical difficulties.

Mr. Evans made public comment

The Chair called for adjournment

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