

# Pittsburgh Land Bank (PLB) Minutes June 9, 2023

#### Convene

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order.

#### I. Roll Call

Emily Kauchak (PLB Assistant Manager) called the roll. Members present: Dr. Jamil Bey, Councilman Bobby Wilson, Director Karen Brean, and Director Steve Mazza.

The PLB Board did not have a quorum. Quorum was reached when Chairman Burgess joined the meeting during the staff updates.

# **II. Public Comment**

There was no public comment

# **III. Vice Chairman's Report**

The Vice Chairman suggested reviewing the financials at this time since they could neither approve the May meeting minutes and May expenditures nor accept the May financials until quorum was reached. Quorum was reached when Rev. Ricky Burgess joined the meeting during the staff updates.

# **III. Staff Updates**

Sally Stadelman, Manager of the Pittsburgh Land Bank reported the PLB's first sale, the property at 6 Boggs Avenue (4-L-133), Mount Washington. The property was sold to the Mount Washington CDC and closing was held on May 30, 2023.

Sally also reviewed several pending sales.

A closing date conveying 243 Meadow in Larimer (124-P-199) to the Urban Academy of Pittsburgh for campus expansion should be scheduled shortly.

The city has completed quiet title on two of the three parcels located at 0 Flowers Avenue (56-C-239, 240, 240-A) in Hazelwood. The City will transfer the properties to the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA). The URA will transfer them to the PLB with final sale to the Hazelwood Initiative. These properties are expected to be used for 3 affordable housing units. The PLB expects to close on the properties later in June.

### **III. Vice Chairman's Report**

The Vice Chair called for votes to approve the May 2023 meeting minutes and to accept the May financial report and approve monthly expenditures.

Approval of May 2023 Minutes.



♦ Motion to approve the May 2023 Board meeting minutes [Burgess/ Mazza] Passed unanimously.

♦ Motion to accept the May 2023 Financial Report and approve the monthly expenditures [B. Wilson/Brean] Passed unanimously.

# V. Action Items

Approval of the 2021 and 2022 Audit Reports.

♦ Motion to approve the 2021 and 2022 Audit Reports [Bey/Mazza] Passed unanimously.

## V. Legislative Update

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

The Tri-Party Cooperation Agreement Amendment is currently before the City Council. The Post-Agenda has been scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM in Council Chamber.

Sally then summarized the steps that will be required under the Tri-Party Cooperation Agreement Amendment in the acquisition of property from the City by the PLB.

Progress is being made in both the Senate and the House for co-sponsorship of the Municipal Claims and Tax Lien Law (MCTLL). On May 10, 2023, the Pennsylvania Senate Urban Affairs and Housing Committee approved SB202. On June 7, 2023, SB202 was approved by the Senate by a vote of 50-0.

House Bill 711 pertaining to MCTLL passed out of Housing and Community Development Committee. On May 24, 2023, it passed out of Committee. A second committee vote has been scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup>.

# **VI. Public Comment**

**Tom Mulholland**, Allegheny Land Trust, described their work in the community to preserve green spaces and their desire to work with the Pittsburgh Land bank in support of this work.

#### VII. Adjournment

The Vice Chair reminded everyone that the next meeting will be July 14. He then called for adjournment.

♦ Motion to adjourn. [Mazza/Brean] Passed unanimously.