

**CITY OF WARREN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 20, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Redevelopment Authority (RDA) was held on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building with Chair Randy Rossey presiding. Members present were Randy Rossey, David Cantrell and Marty McQuillan. Also present were Terry Williams, Director of Codes, Permits & Recreation services and Ellen Nelson, RDA Recording Secretary.

VISITORS

Visitors present were:

- Josh Cotton, Times Observer
- Gary Lester, Moments on Target

MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Cantrell and second by Mr. McQuillan, the minutes of the January 16, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

NONE.

MISCELLANEOUS

City Council appointed Matthew Schlotzhauer to the RDA. Tricia Durlin resigned her position at the end of 2018.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Mr. McQuillan provided the following totals for the months of January & February:

The checking account beginning balance was \$50,357.96. Check #1190 in the amount of \$10,305.48 cleared during the month of January. Interest earned was \$21.41 in January and \$18.25 in February. \$7,500.0 was received from the City of Warren for general operating costs. Ending balance as of December 30, 2018 is \$47,592.14.

The Enterprise Development Fund received interest in the amount of \$113.47 in January and \$102.51 in February bringing the balance to DCED \$331,735.51 and Other Revolving Loan \$336,454.46.

Bills for January and February totaled \$15,785.71. Invoices were received from Stapleford & Byham for legal fees \$4,216.96, City of Warren for demo permit \$54.50, Groff Tractor Excavator Rental for demo costs \$2,765.50 and Fox & Sons for demo costs \$8,748.75.

Upon motion by Mr. Cantrell and second by Mr. McQuillan, the Treasurer's Report and payment of invoices were unanimously accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

• **Downtown Façade Program**

Mr. Hildebrand stated that there is \$50,000 total grant money to work with initially and they have received 10 applications which need to be approved by the RDA. Kurt Smith may withdraw a couple applications so that will open up spots. If he does not withdraw them, Mr. Hildebrand may ask for more money to accommodate others who have expressed an interest.

NEW BUSINESS

- **908-910 Pennsylvania Avenue E. Community Garden Proposal** – Gary Lester spoke on Moments on Target, a program to connect kids grieving the loss of a loved one with healthy, fun outdoor activities. They are looking for gardening space and Joe Reinke suggested 908-910 Pennsylvania Avenue E where the kids can learn about gardening and nutrition. Moments on Target is partnering with another organization, Warren Services, who has volunteers looking for projects. The participants will grow their own food, harvest it and have a picnic with their own food. It is called Grow Your Own Salad program. Part of the beautification could include planting flowers.

Mr. Holtz suggested planting flowers along the Pennsylvania Avenue side and vegetables on the Euclid side of the property. Mr. Rossey said it would be a win/win situation. Mr. McQuillan asked if there would be any liability to the City. Ms. Williams replied that the City would request a certificate of insurance. Mr. Lester replied that they are under the umbrella and liability insurance of Warren County Development Authority.

Mr. Cantrell made a motion to lease 908-910 Pennsylvania Avenue E to Moments on Target for \$1.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. McQuillan and passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Williams said the lease would be handled by the City Solicitor and should be available at the next RDA meeting.

- **Residential LERTA Program** – Mr. Hildebrand stated that the City has had a commercial LERTA program since 1988. The City is looking into a companion program for residential properties and this would include City, County and School property taxes. Ms. Williams state that when any improvements are made that would increase the tax basis of a property, there would be a 3-year abatement from additional property taxes. She asked the RDA if they would be interested in presenting this to City Council. Ms. Williams added that after this is approved by Council, the City would ask if the county and school district would join in with the program so it would be a complete LERTA program. This could be presented to Council at the April work session.

OTHER BUSINESS

Due to a change in work schedule, Mr. Rossey asked if the Authority members would consider changing the time and/or date of the meetings. Ms. Nelson will send an email to the members to see if there is another time that works for everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 11:30 AM

Minutes prepared by Ellen Nelson.