

**REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 17, 2011**

MINUTES

The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee held a regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. in the 1st Floor Board Room, 809 North Broadway, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Lois A. Smith, Chair
Commissioner Bill Schwartz, Vice Chair
Commissioner Kathryn M. West
Commissioner Alderman Willie C. Wade
Commissioner Robert B. Rondini
Commissioner Ken Munson

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Commissioner Hector Colon

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: David P. Misky, Assistant Executive Director-Secretary
Rocky Marcoux, Executive Director-Secretary

After the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, The Chair asked for a motion to adopt the Minutes of the February 14, 2011 meeting. Hearing no corrections or objection, the minutes were adopted by consensus.

Presentation

Cooperation Agreement signing for Villard Library between the City, the Redevelopment Authority and the Milwaukee Public Library.

Executive Director Marcoux, Mayor Barrett, and Library Director Kiely introduced the item whereby the Redevelopment Authority and the City of Milwaukee are signing a Cooperation Agreement. The agreement states the Authority will buy the Villard Library space and lease to the City for 7 years to leverage New Market Tax Credits.

Mr. Misky reported that for the public hearing on proposed blight designations, the owners of all properties waived their statutory right to receive the hearing notice by Certified Mail 20 days prior to the hearings.

Item 1, Public Hearing

Resolution creating public green space in the 3700 Block of Vliet Street as part of the Healthy Neighborhood Initiative by authorizing a maintenance agreement with Harley-Davidson Motor Company and approving the blight designation and acquisition of the City-owned vacant lots on the block. (15th Aldermanic District; submitted by Real Estate)

Yves LaPierre of the Real Estate staff described the project that is being driven by the Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation and the Harley Davidson Foundation. The project involves the creation of a "pop-up" park with benches and landscaping. The cost for the \$16,000 plan will be split between the two entities.

Commissioner Rondini moved for adoption of the resolution and it carried by a vote of 6 ayes - 0 nays. Adopted resolution is No. 10276.

Item 2, Regular Business

Resolution authorizing the RACM Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Program reuse of program income received from grant funding from EPA. (City-Wide; submitted by Economic Development)

Tracy Luber from Milwaukee Economic Development Corporation reintroduced the program to the Board. The Authority has received \$7.95 million of grant funds from USEPA and has loaned approximately \$6 million. The principal and interest paid to the Authority is considered program income. At this time, the Authority has ~\$1.5 million of program income. This resolution defines how these funds can be reused with 60% for loans, 20% for grants, and 20% for administrative costs. To a question from Commissioner West, the Authority keeps the program income segregated from all other Authority accounts for auditing purposes.

Commissioner West moved for adoption of the resolution and it carried by a vote of 6 ayes - 0 nays. Adopted resolution is No. 10277.

Item 3, Regular Business

Resolution authorizing the preferred remedial cleanup action option at the 522 W. North Avenue property where an EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant will be utilized for remediation. (6th Aldermanic District; submitted by Environmental Team)

Mat Reimer of the Brownfield staff indicated the Authority had received a \$200,000 grant to clean up the property which had been used as a gasoline station and pesticide company. The preferred remedial action is to excavate the contamination and dispose of at a landfill.

Commissioner Schwartz moved for adoption of the resolution and it carried by a vote of 6 ayes - 0 nays. Adopted resolution is No. 10278.

Item 4, Regular Business

Resolution relative to the application, acceptance, and funding of a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Economic Development Initiative-Special Projects Grant. (1st, 4th, 7th and 15th Aldermanic District; submitted by Real Estate)

Kein Burton of the Real Estate staff described the award of an earmark from the federal government. The \$292,000 earmark is for the 30th Street Corridor and, depending on the government's position on future earmarks, may be the last earmark the City receives for quite some time.

Commissioner Rondini moved for adoption of the resolution and it carried by a vote of 6 ayes - 0 nays. Adopted resolution is No. 10279.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Authority, a motion was made by Commissioner Schwartz to schedule the next regular meeting for **April 14, 2011**, at 1:30 P.M., 1st Floor Board Room, 809 North Broadway, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and, to adjourn. The motion carried without objection.



David P. Misky
Assistant Executive Director-Secretary

NOTE: A verbatim transcript of the public hearing is incorporated and made a part hereof by reference as if fully set forth herein. A copy is available upon request.