

Mahoning County Land Reutilization Corporation
Board Meeting Minutes (Meeting #98)
June 22, 2021 (Zoom Meeting)

Board Members in Attendance:

Daniel R. Yemma, Chair
Richard Chase
Gwen Bush
James Harp
Rose Carter

Board Members Absent:

Carol Rimedio-Righetti
Artie Spellman
David Ditzler
Larry Moliterno

Alternate Board Members in Attendance:

none

MCLRC Staff in Attendance:

Debora Flora, Executive Director
Cathie Hicks, Fiscal Officer
Roger Smith, Director of Planning, Acquisition and Disposition
Attorney Chris Sammarone
Emily Stran, YSU Summer Intern

Prosecutor's Staff in Attendance:

Attorney Thomas Michaels

- Meeting was called to order by Daniel R. Yemma, Chairman at 11:36 am.
- Meeting was a virtual meeting via Zoom Video Conference

Debora Flora introduced Emily Stran, the land bank's 2021 Summer Intern from YSU.

Rose Carter joined the meeting at 11:38 am.

Daniel R. Yemma called for the approval of the April 27, 2021 meeting minutes.

- Richard Chase made a motion to approve the minutes from April 27, 2021 meeting.
- ✓ James Harp seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

Communication Items None

Daniel R. Yemma called for the presentation of reports.

Debora Flora presented the Executive Director's report. Items highlighted included:

Inventory reduction including the transfer of the "Rain Garden" to the City of Campbell
Wall Street Journal interview with 2 land bank deed in escrow clients and executive director
HB155 status – dead

ARPA allocation update as it impacts Ohio Land Banks
Mahoning Ave “pop-up” space introduction – look for summer activity
“Operation Pollination” status update
10th Anniversary Year celebration update
Economic Impact Report – review & presentation w/a special thank you to John Bralich @ YSU
Press release on June 23

Daniel R. Yemma stated he had received a copy of correspondence sent to the Mahoning County Commissioners related to eliminating blight in Mahoning County with the land bank’s assistance. He stated that he was unaware of this request by the land bank. Debora Flora explained that it is the ARPA funding request proposal made by the land bank and its partners to the City of Youngstown and to Mahoning County.

- Richard Chase made a motion to accept the Executive Director’s report.
- ✓ James Harp seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

Roger Smith presented the Renovation and Demolition report. Items highlighted included:

Housing renovations update
154 Erskine Ave. rehab update – specifically the lack of contractors and materials

Gwen Bush requested address of market rehab property that needs to be painted.

Mahoning County Prosecutor’s report was presented by Attorney Thomas Michaels. Current statistics were provided.

- Gwen Bush made a motion to accept the Mahoning County Prosecutor’s report.
- ✓ James Harp seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

The Finance Committee’s report was presented by Rose Carter. She reviewed the monthly financial reports and Finance Committee minutes.

- James Harp made a motion to accept the Finance Committee’s report as presented.
- ✓ Gwen Bush seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Committee none

Personnel Committee none

Board Action

Daniel R. Yemma called for a motion to accept the April and May 2021 financial reports as presented.

- Rose Carter made a motion to accept the April and May 2021 financial reports presented.
- ✓ James Harp seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

New Business none

Unfinished Business none

Public Comments none

Members Comments

James Harp shared that the Sebring property the land bank transferred to a local businessman has become very attractive. He is pleased that the local businessman followed through with blight clean up and beautification and wanted to share this with the BOD. James Harp thanked previous board members and the land bank for facilitating this transfer.

Debora Flora stated she would email the ARPA proposals to the board members and will include the April 2021 Executive Director's report which introduces and explains the requests.

Attorney Chris Sammarone stated that beginning July 2021, public meetings need to be in person.

Daniel R. Yemma stated the next meeting is in August. He also thanked YSU Intern Emily Stran for joining the meeting.

- James Harp made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 pm.
- ✓ Gwen Bush seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Meeting adjourned.**

Minutes submitted by Cathie Hicks, Fiscal Officer, MCLRC.