

HORSHAM LAND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY • October 19, 2022 • 3:30 PM

In Attendance:

Authority Board

W. William Whiteside, III, Chair
Joanna M. Furia Esq., Vice Chair
Mark McCouch

Not Present:

Eric Coombs
Joseph Wade

HLRA Staff

Michael J. McGee
Tom Ames
Larry Burns
Michael Shinton
Mary Eberle, Esquire
William Gildea-Walker

Chairman Whiteside called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Horsham Township Building at 1025 Horsham Road, Horsham PA 19044 and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Whiteside asked if there were any questions or comments from the public, there were none.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the Board regarding minutes of the HLRA meeting on July 20, 2022. It was moved by Ms. Furia, second by Mr. McCouch, to approve the minutes for the July 20, 2022 HLRA meeting. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the Executive Director's Report.

Mr. McGee noted that the financial update had been provided to Board members prior to the meeting. He stated that DOD support of the HLRA had been significant; over \$5M in grant funding had been provided since its inception. The required ten percent contribution to each grant had mostly been provided by in-kind services from the Horsham Township Manager and the Township's Financial Department staff. He expects DOD support of the HLRA will continue, as the HLRA has an opportunity to move ahead in the near future on a deal with the Navy.

Mr. McGee continued that the HLRA has had a positive impact on the Horsham community by assisting the Hatboro-Horsham School District in obtaining the former Horsham Memorial U.S. Army Reserve Center property (where Hallowell Elementary School now sits) as well as Horsham

Township in obtaining the former SE Clear Zone (which is now part of the Horsham Township Park system).

Mr. McGee then asked HLRA Deputy Director Tom Ames to provide an update on the Navy's work associated with the landfill caps at Sites 3 and 12. Mr. Ames presented a series of slides showing the various steps the Navy has taken to complete the CERCLA remedial action at the two sites. A copy of the slides is attached. Board members and HRLA staff discussed several aspects of the project including how the caps affected the future redevelopment of the former base and if other uses (such as parking lots) might be allowed. Mr. Ames noted that future changes to the caps would require planning and coordination with the environmental regulators. Mr. McGee hoped that there would be an opportunity to have the Board members visit the sites now that the work was completed.

Mr. Whiteside asked Ms. Eberle for the Solicitor's Report. Ms. Eberle stated that she had been active at the staff level and with the HLRA's BRAC Special Counsel involved with preparation for pending discussions with the Navy.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the Board regarding the list of checks. It was moved by Mr. McCouch, seconded by Ms. Furia, to approve the list of checks in the amount of \$51,622.70 covering the period July 21 2022 to October 19, 2022. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside asked Mr. McGee if there were any items under New Business; there was none.

Mr. Whiteside announced that the HLRA Board would be meeting in Executive Session immediately following this meeting to discuss real estate issues.

Mr. Whiteside announced that the next Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority meeting would be on January 18, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. in the Horsham Township Municipal Building. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.



William Gildea-Walker
HLRA Secretary