

HORSHAM LAND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY • January 18, 2023 • 3:30 PM

In Attendance:

Authority Board

W. William Whiteside, III, Chair
Mark McCouch
Joseph Wade

Not Present:

Joanna M. Furia Esq., Vice Chair
Eric Coombs

HLRA Staff

Tom Ames
Larry Burns
Michael Shinton
Mary Eberle, Esquire (via phone)
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.

Mr. Clifford LoCasale, a Bensalem Township resident, addressed the board with his concerns regarding the deleterious effects of PFAS on human health and cancer concerns due to PFAS on a molecular level. He noted that no level of PFAS was safe and highlighted USGS research on PFAS in the Neshaminy Creek watershed.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the Board regarding the Election of Officers for 2023. It was moved by Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. McCouch to nominate W. Winston Whiteside as Chair, Joanna Furia for Vice-Chair and William Gildea-Walker as Secretary/Treasurer for 2023. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the Board regarding the appointment of the Executive Director. It was moved by Mr. McCouch, second by Mr. Wade, to appoint Mr. Thomas Ames as Executive Director of the Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the Board regarding minutes of the HLRA meeting on October 19, 2022. It was moved by Mr. Wade, second by Mr. McCouch, to approve the minutes for the October 19, 2022 HLRA meeting. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Ames thanked the board for their support and his appointment as Executive Director. An updated HLRA newsletter was published last week and highlighted the retirement of Mike McGee and the many notable accomplishments of the HLRA under his tenure. Mr. Ames noted that Mr. McGee had been recognized by Horsham council and the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation on his retirement with a certificate of appreciation and letter of congratulations respectively. A certificate of appreciation would also be forthcoming from the HLRA for Mr. McGee's efforts. Mr. Whiteside echoed Mr. Ames comments and lauded Mr. McGee's contributions to the HRLA and the township.

Mr. Ames noted that staff had participated in a conference call with Navy environmental staff this morning for an update on progress of various environmental efforts on the base.

Mr. Ames reminded the board that annual ethics forms would be distributed in the near future and are due in May for the 2022 calendar year.

Mr. Ames noted that the financial update had been provided to Board members prior to the meeting.

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 ongoing negotiations 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 Mr. Wade, to approve the list of checks in the amount of \$81,305.47 covering the period October 20, 2022 to December 31, 2022, and the list of checks in the amount of \$3,397.32 for the period from January 1, 2023 to January 18, 2023. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside indicated the next item on the agenda was the approval of the quarterly meeting schedule for 2023, a copy of which is attached. Mr. Wade moved to approve the HLRA quarterly meeting schedule as presented, providing for meetings at 3:30 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday in the

months of April, July and October, 2023 and for January, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCouch. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the board for the reappointment of the HLRA Solicitor. Mr. McCouch moved to approve the reappointment of Ms. Mary Eberle and the law firm of Grim, Biehn & Thatcher as Solicitor of the HLRA for 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wade. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the board for auditing services for the year end December 31, 2022. It was moved by Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. McCouch, to reappoint Maillie, LLP to provide audit services for the HLRA for the year ended December 31, 2022, per their proposal which provides a fee for those services of \$7,500.00. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the board on an amendment to the Exclusive Negotiating Agreement with the NAS-JRB Willow Grove Master Developer, Catellus Development Corporation. It was moved by Mr. McCouch, seconded by Mr. Wade, to approve the proposed amendment to the Exclusive Negotiation Agreement with the NAS-JRB Willow Grove Master Developer, Catellus Development Corporation. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside stated the next item on the agenda was the approval of HLRA's annual budget for 2023. Mr. Wade moved to approve HLRA Budget Resolution #2023-01 setting forth the proposed budget for 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCouch. A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Wade: Aye

Mr. McCouch: Aye

Mr. Whiteside: Aye

The vote was 3-0 in favor, the Budget Resolution #2023-01 passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside stated that the next item on the agenda involved approving a policy detailing retention and disposition of records. Mr. McCouch moved to approve the HLRA Disposition of Records Resolution #2023-02 which approves the disposition of appropriate HLRA records that may be disposed of at this time, in accordance with adopted procedures. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wade. A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Wade: Aye

Mr. McCouch: Aye

Mr. Whiteside: Aye

The vote was 3-0 in favor, the Disposition of Records Resolution #2023-02 passed unanimously.

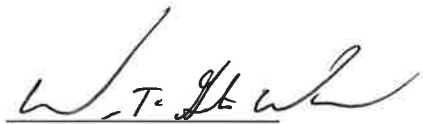
Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the board for an extension of the lease and license between the Navy and HLRA for the area of the base occupied by the DVHAA. Mr. Wade moved, seconded by Mr. McCouch, to approve a 2-year extension of the lease and license between the Navy and the HLRA. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the board for an extension of the sub-lease and sub-license between the HLRA and DVHAA. Mr. McCouch moved, seconded by Mr. Wade, to approve a 2-year extension of the sub-lease and sub-license between the HLRA and DVHAA. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the board on the engagement of Jeffrey Donohoe Associates, LLC for consultation services. Mr. Wade moved, seconded by Mr. McCouch, to approve the engagement of Jeffrey Donohoe Associates, LLC for consultation services related to finalizing an Economic Development Conveyance pertaining to FOST 1 and 2 parcels, for a fee not to exceed \$17,500.00. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

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 April 19, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. in the Horsham Township Municipal Building. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.



William Gildea-Walker
HLRA Secretary