

EASTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
October 21, 2009

Roll Call

The monthly meeting of the Easton Redevelopment Authority was held on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 in the 5th Floor Council Chambers, One South Third Street, Easton, PA. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Richard McAteer. Members present: Mr. McAteer, Mr. Houston, Ms. Moser-Collins and Ms. Lauritzen. Staff present: Ms. Lippincott and Ms. Woolverton. Solicitor Dan Cohen was also present.

Approval of Minutes. A motion to accept the meeting minutes of September 16, 2009 regular meeting and annual meeting was made by Mr. Houston and seconded by Ms. Moser-Collins, approved by all.

New Business

Approval of Bills. Copies of the bills for September, 2009 were distributed to the Board. A motion to approve payment of the bills was made by Ms. Moser-Collins and seconded by Mr. Houston, approved by all.

Monthly Reports from the Executive Director and staff. Ms. Lippincott said the CDBG-R funds have been received and some of the money has been used for the repavement of 15th Street and the design of new crosswalks for Northampton Street at the intersections of 5th, 6th and 7th Street.

She said she is still waiting for an update on the status of the Section 108 loan.

Ms. Lippincott said the NSP contract has been received. She said she has been to training sessions on the complex program. She said offers are being made on two foreclosed properties in the target area. She will be working with Weed and Seed to identify potential families to purchase the homes once they are rehabilitated.

Mr. McAteer said the Movies at the Mill Easton was a wonderful evening, and the word “magical” had been frequently applied to it. He said the City outdid themselves on the event. Ms. Lippincott said the event has created a lot of interest, not only in the Silk Mill site, but throughout the whole city. She said the roof repairs on building six were complete, the last trailers are gone and the phase 1 environmental remediation is complete. She said the next step on the remediation is removal of the boiler. Regarding cash flow, she said there has been some rental inquiries, including one from a worm farm. Ms. Moser-Collins asked what the next steps were for the Silk Mill. Ms. Lippincott replied to finish remediation, find funding for infrastructure and create a strategy plan for development.

Ms. Lippincott said she is waiting to hear on the Preserve America Grant, while the ISRP Grant is preparing a commitment letter. Regarding the HRA grant, there has been some positive feedback from the state. She said staff will continue to receive lead hazard control training.

Ms. Lippincott said the 2006 HOME program is nearing its end and a new application will be made over winter. 633 Ferry Street continues to be marketed, and at a meeting with Northampton County, it was decided to add energy efficient appliances and change the entryway to add appeal. Exterior renovations have begun on 540 W. Berwick Street, new sidewalks and a new front porch have been completed. An RFP was released for Green Rehab Professional Services for 1008 Ferry Street and an on-site meeting was held.

Ms. Lippincott said the Vacant Property Review Committee met on October 12 to move forward on 120 Northampton Street, however some legal questions prevented the next step from being taken. She added the property owner appealed the determination of blight.

Ms. Lippincott introduced possible salary and wage increases for the staff in 2010. She said a resolution would be presented for action at the November meeting.

The public meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.

ATTEST:

BY:

Nancy Moser-Collins
Secretary
DATE:

Richard McAteer
Chair
SEAL: