

# Redevelopment Authority of the County of Erie (ECRDA) Minutes of May 23, 2023 Public Meeting – 9am

The Redevelopment Authority of the County of Erie held a public meeting on May 23, 2023, at 9:00 am at MacDonald Illig Jones & Britton, 100 State St., Erie, PA. The meeting is pursuant to a legal ad published in the Erie Times on January 8, 2023.

**Board Members present:** Kate Philips, Harry Eighmy, Bill DeLuca, David Knapp, and Boo Hagerty. **Others present:** Tina Mengine, Linda Robbins, Jenna Bickford, ECRDA Solicitor and Jay Alberstadt, Esq. and Wade Root.

**Hearing of the Public:** Kate Philips called the public hearing to order at 9:00am, asking for public comment. As there was none, she closed the public hearing.

**Call to Order:** Kate Philips called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

# Approval of Minutes of April 25, 2023, Regular meeting\*:

Kate Philips asked for additions/deletions to the minutes. As there were none, she called for a motion to approve. **On a motion** by Bill DeLuca seconded by Harry Eighmy, the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

# **ECRDA Financial Report\*:**

Linda Robbins presented balance sheet & profit and loss reports. Board discussion ensued. Kate Philips asked for a motion to accept. **On a motion** by David Knapp, seconded by Boo Hagerty, the financial report was unanimously accepted as presented.

#### ECRDA Cash Available/Loans in Discussion\*:

Tina Mengine reported on the Cash Available/Loans in Discussion report. Board discussion ensued. Kate Philips asked for a motion to approve the report as presented. **On a motion** by Bill DeLuca seconded by Harry Eighmy, the report was unanimously approved as presented.

## **CEO Update:**

**Fairview:** \$5M ARP funding was received from the County. The funding will be transferred to the EDCEC for the Fairview Business Park project (\$4.5M) and \$500,000 will go toward a project in Union City.

**Quin-T:** Negotiations continue with Perseus Charter School to purchase the site, contingent upon further site remediation. Approximately \$600,000 remains in the remediation budget along with the EPA grant for tank removal.

**Berry**: Berry is on schedule. Water lines are in, and the foundation is laid. Although There is a 2-week steel delay the project remains on track for December completion and a January 2024 move-in date.

**EMI (Ironworks Square):** We received a verbal commitment for a \$1.5M ARC Grant. Demo is on track to be completed in June.

**CRIZ:** Meetings continue regarding application for the CRIZ (City Revitalization Investment Zone) designation. The city will be applying in November. If granted the designation, the ECRDA would manage the loan program that comes out of it.

**Corry:** Chris Groner and David Knapp are working together with the CorryRDA toward a Cooperation Agreement.

**Bettors (East Lake Rd):** There is no buyer to date. The HANDS Sales Agreement expires on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Savocchio:** Equipment is being purchased. Ste prep is underway and on track for completion this Fall.

## **Executive Session:**

At 9:20 am, the Board moved to Executive Session for purposes of discussing real estate matters. Board discussion ensued. **On a motion** by Bill DeLuca seconded by Harry Eighmy, the Board unanimously approved leaving executive session to resume its regular public meeting.

**Adjournment:** With no other business, Kate Philips called for a motion to adjourn. **On a motion** by Boo Hagerty, seconded by Bill DeLuca, the meeting formally adjourned at 11:15am.