

**The Redevelopment Authority of the City of York**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 17, 2021**

A duly advertised meeting of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of York was held on February 17, 2021 at 101 S. George Street, City Council Chambers, York, PA 17401. The meeting was open to the public via Zoom invitation.

**I. Call to Order/Welcome**

Michael Black called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. Present were Aaron Anderson, Teen Vebares, Frank Countess and Joyce Santiago.

**II. Public Comment - none**

**III. Minutes**

Teen Vebares moved to approve the Minutes of January 20, 2021 as distributed. Joyce Santiago seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 5398

**IV. Financial Report**

<i>General Balance Fund,</i>	\$166,371.69
<i>CDBG Balances</i>	
Demolition	\$ 145,213.87
Acquisition	\$ 74,395.83
Stabilization	<u>\$ 101,464.00</u>
	<b>\$321,073.70</b>

**V. Project Updates**

**a. NWT – GJDevers**

John McElligott stated that he appreciates the Board's patience. In the passage of time since the idea was first introduced, robotics is still a good idea and worth pursuing. There are others involved in the project to help make it succeed. He would like a one-year extension but he knows that will not happen. He is now requesting an extension of his agreement until the end of May 2021 which coincides with the RACP extension. He believes then he can demonstrate this as the best situation.

Rodney Sampson of Atlanta, Georgia is involved in Opportunity Hub. It is an ecosystem development which increases diversity in technology. He grew up in the York Area and lived

in Hershey and Harrisburg in 1995-1998. He has reviewed the York 1.0 and 2.0 plans. He sees the sense of urgency here for this kind of project, with energy.

Steve McDowell, an architect with BNIM in the Kansas City headquarters since 1989. He is involved in an Innovation District that started 4-5 years ago and there is no construction yet. These projects take time. He gave an example where robotics would be a valuable addition to the workforce.

John McElligott stated he knows the Authority wants forward motion. There has been a lot of hard work on this project – including at Kansas City. Goodwill has been landed as a client. Robotics and AI are necessary tools for the future. More resources are coming to the table. He is asking for a little more patience. Things are almost there. Three months is requested.

There were no questions from the Board. Aaron Anderson moved to extend the agreement to match the RACP deadline of May 31. Teen Vebares seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 5399

## **VI. Action Items**

### **a. Penn Market.**

Staff distributed a Buchart Horn, Inc. proposal. Buchart Horn did a Facility Needs Assessment in 2017. It is now out of date and the RACP Grant requires more information. The first phase of the Buchart Horn proposal is to develop a schematic design for \$18,800.00.

Staff is also planning on creating a committee for important tasks. Two City Council Members have agreed to be on it. The City Health Bureau is interested in participating and community people are in discussion.

Ms. Angie Garrison spoke about updating the proposal.

Frank Countess moved to approve Phase I – the schematic design of the Buchart Horn proposal at a cost of \$18,800.00. Teen Vebares seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 5400

### **b. 212-214 W. Hope Ave and 234 S. Pershing.**

Yohn Property Management is doing a project involving Classic Caramel near York High called Riverside Loft. The request is to negotiate and enter into a sales agreement with Yohn Property Management for the parcels at 212 and 214 West Hope Avenue and 234 South Pershing Avenue.

Teen Vebares made that motion and requested Staff research the extent of the Authority's costs. Aaron Anderson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 5401

**c. 373 W. Philadelphia Rear.**

Isaac Rothermel and Jon Stone own 373 W. Philadelphia and the lot to the rear is overgrown, especially with a large tree close to utility wires. They wish to purchase the rear lot for \$1,500.00 and clean up the lot.

Aaron Anderson moved to authorize a sales agreement for \$1,500.00 for the rear lot. Joyce Santiago seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 5402

**VII. Staff Report**

1. 634 E. Philadelphia Street was damaged by fire. The owner is donating it to the Authority as part of blight removal. Staff is also in discussion with the owner of the adjoining property. Demolition costs are partially funded with CDBG money.

2. Frank Countess asked about City parking meters which all seem to say, "Park Mobile". Staff advised a meeting with the General Authority is being arranged to discuss that and other issues.

**VIII. Chairman's Report**

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.