

## CUYAHOGA COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS'

## **REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING OF**

June 28, 2019

**LOCATION:** 

**Caxton Building** 

812 Huron Road E., Suite 830

Cleveland, OH 44115

DATE/TIME:

June 28, 2019; 10:00 A.M. ET

**PURPOSE:** 

Regular quarterly meeting to consider the following business:

- 1. Call to order by the Chair. The regular quarterly meeting of the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation (the "CCLRC") was held June 28, 2019 at 812 Huron Road, E., Suite 800, Cleveland, Ohio and called to order at 10:04 a.m. Chairman Anthony Brancatelli, Kahlil Seren, Representative of Cuyahoga County Council President Dan Brady, Treasurer of Cuyahoga County, W. Christopher Murray II, Mayor Michael Summers of the City of Lakewood, Ms. April Urban and Mr. Nate Kelly were present and constituted a quorum.
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the March 29, 2019 regular quarterly Meeting. The minutes of the March 29, 2019 meeting were distributed. A motion for approval of the minutes was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mayor Summers, and approved by voice vote without objection.

## 3. Staff Reports:

- o President's Report:
  - Status of Acquisitions, Demolitions and Renovations to Date The CCLRC has acquired 11,328 properties, demolished 7,715 to date and completed 83 in-house renovations. The CCLRC has transacted 1,842 homes through its deed-in-escrow program and direct sales. Currently 4,014 properties are in inventory. Demolitions will continue with allotted funds and will continue into 2020. The CCLRC is currently working through its back log of demolitions and should be through by mid-Spring. HB 252 is before the Ohio General Assembly. If this bill is passed it could bring additional funds for demolition.
  - Litigation Update The litigation action against the City of Cleveland as it pertains to CDAQ's attempt to collect fees in Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation vs. City of Cleveland, et al is still pending before the Court. All briefs have been submitted to the Ohio Supreme Court in the case of State of Ohio, ex rel. Elliott G. Feltner v. Cuyahoga County Board of Revision, et al. Oral argument dates have not been set.
  - <u>Legislation</u> The CCLRC is speaking with Senator Dolan as it relates to tweaks and new legislation to the current land bank laws.
  - Contractor Update A list of the demolition contractor expenditures and field service provider expenditures was distributed to the CCLRC board. As of the date of this meeting, no contractors have reached the contractor limit for notification to the CCLRC Board
  - County Housing Program Update and Outreach The CCLRC has met with Cleveland City Council, Cuyahoga County Council and community development partners and stakeholders to discuss the new county plan. The CCLRC informed community partners of policy changes and CCLRC tools available under the County Housing Program and for acquiring properties through the CCLRC. The CCLRC is working on developing clear plans and policies for the implementing of the plan commencing in 2020 and how the funds will be expended. The Board Chair requested clear guidelines on how the plan will be structured and implemented and how funds will be dispersed due to competing interests of all municipalities. Mr. Frangos indicated that the CCLRC

- will be seeking the Board's guidance later in the year on the aspects of the County Housing Program.
- <u>10-year celebration</u> Sponsorship packets are being distributed to those interested in supporting the 10-year celebration.
- Fisher House Grand Open House event for the Greater Cleveland Fisher House was held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019.
- <u>CCLRC Economic Impact Announcement</u> The CCLRC released the results of its \$1.4 billion economic impact study. The well-attended event was held at Cleveland State University, Levin College of Urban Affairs.
- o Mr. William Whitney presented the Report of Chief Operating Officer
  - County Demolition Program Discussion and Update The CCLRC continues its work under the County Demolition Program. Approximately \$3.6 million is allotted for properties in the CCLRCs inventory and approximately \$4.7 allocated for suburban demolitions. The CCLRC is awaiting execution of the agreement for the next round of funds from the County for demolition in the suburban communities.
  - Hardest Hit Funds Discussion and Update The CCLRC has approximately \$8.3 million remaining in Hardest Hit Funds for 2019. OHFA indicated earlier this year that an additional \$3.4 million will be reallocated to the CCLRC and recently, that an additional \$8 million would be made available to the CCLRC. The additional funds to be received are allotted for properties which are currently in the CCLRC inventory and earmarked for demolition.
  - <u>Presentation of Finances</u> The financial statements were provided to the Board prior to the meeting and discussed. Mr. Whitney informed the Board that the final DTAC payment from the County for the year will be received in either November or December of 2019. Mr. Whitney also noted that the CCLRC has exceeded the original budgeted amount for legal expenses.
- 6. Strategic Plan Presentation and Discussion: The draft Strategic Plan for 2020-2025 was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. The Cobalt Group, Inc., which had undertaken the stakeholder and staff interviews for the plan, facilitated a Board discussion of the draft Goals and Objectives. CCLRC leadership indicated that the Board's feedback would be incorporated into the plan and that it would be updated and presented at the next meeting and implementation would commence in 2020. Mr. Frangos suggested a possible executive session to initiate a succession planning discussion.
- 7. *Public Comment*: No public comment
- 8. Special Presentation from the Board Chair: Chairman Brancatelli and the CCLRC Board acknowledged Mr. William Whitney and his services to the CCLRC. Mr. Whitney will be retiring in the month of July and is recognized for his contribution to the success of the CCLRC.
- 9. Adjournment: There being no more business to come before the meeting, Nate Kelly moved that the meeting be adjourned. His motion was seconded by Treasurer Murray and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:59 a.m.

I hereby certify that the minutes related to the Board of Directors' regular quarterly meeting of June 28, 2019 set forth above are the minutes approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting of September 27, 2019.

Robert Rink, Secretary

**Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation**