



CUYAHOGA COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION

MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS'

REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING of MARCH 22, 2024

LOCATION: Caxton Building
812 Huron Road E., Conference Room 830
Cleveland, OH 44115

DATE/TIME: March 22, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

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 March 22, 2024, at 812 Huron Road, E., Suite 830, Cleveland, Ohio and called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Vice-Chair Mayor Anthony Biasiotta. A quorum of the Board was present: Mayor Anthony Biasiotta, Mayor of Seven Hills, Brad Cromes, Treasurer of Cuyahoga County, Katie Gallagher, representative for County Executive Chris Ronayne, Director Sally Martin O'Toole of the City of Cleveland, Councilwoman Jasmin Santana, and Pastor Brian Cash and constituted a quorum.
2. Welcome of New Board Member. Vice-Chair of the CCLRC Board Mayor Biasiotta and Mr. Frangos on behalf of the CCLRC staff welcomed Pastor Brian Cash to the CCLRC Board.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the December 15, 2023, regular quarterly meeting. The minutes of the December 15, 2023, meeting were distributed to the Board for review prior to the meeting. A motion for approval of the minutes was made by Katie Gallagher, seconded by Director Martin O'Toole, and approved by voice vote without objection.
4. Staff Reports:
 - Mr. Gus Frangos presented the Report of the President:
 - Legacy Communities Revitalization Program: Mr. Frangos informed the Board that the City of Cleveland awarded the CCLRC a \$9.9 million grant from a portion of its American Rescue Plan Act funds for strategic investment in three heavily disinvested neighborhoods. The funds will be used to create housing markets for owner-occupants in market challenged areas in Cleveland. Mr. Frangos credits the advocacy of Councilmen Santana, Hairston, Starr and City Council President Blaine Griffin in creating this program.
 - Contractor Updates: A list of year-to-date expenditures of demolition contractors, field service providers and renovation and construction general contractors was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. No contractors to this date have exceeded the expenditure limits.
 - Mr. Ricardo León presented the Report of the Chief Operating Officer:
 - Production Report: As of February 29, 2024, the CCLRC has acquired a total of 14,116 properties. The CCLRC has disposed of 13,121 properties with a total to date of 7,705 vacant lots being transferred to various municipal land banks. The CCLRC has demolished 9,865 properties to date with 51 structures demolished since the December 2023 board meeting. Mr. León informed the Board that the CCLRC is approaching its 10,000 demolition which will take place mid-Summer 2024. The CCLRC currently has sold a total of 33 newly constructed homes with 3 under construction, 123 in-house renovated homes with 10 currently under renovation. A total of 123 renovated homes with 10 currently under renovation.
 - Demolition Funding Report: Mr. Adam Stalder, Director of Community Stabilization provided the demolition funding report to the CCLRC Board. The CCLRC has submitted through the Ohio Department of Development demolition funding program a total of 1,110 projects for a total of \$23,177,745 in requested funds. 443 of the projects are CCLRC projects with 667 of the 1,110 being subrecipient projects. The demolition projects are within 15 municipalities in the County. Under

the Brownfield portion of the ODOB program, the CCLRC has requested a total of \$106,948,967 of Brownfield funding for 36 projects. The projects are in 10 municipalities in Cuyahoga County. To date, 4 cure requests have been received. The Board was informed that the Ohio Department of Development has not provided a timeline for award announcements. Treasurer Cromes inquired as to how the projects for the Brownfield funding were chosen. Mr. León informed the Board that notice of the requested projects was provided to the County.

- Presentation of Finances: The end-of-year December 2023, financial statements were sent to the Board prior to the meeting and reviewed.
- CHP Program Report: A copy of the County Housing Program Quarterly Report was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Mr. León reported that the County Housing Program will conclude at the end of 2025. To date, of the \$25 million of the DTAC set aside over the 5-year period of the program, \$3.8 million of this funding remains uncommitted but will be committed by the end of the program. Director Martin O'Toole has requested that the CCLRC provide an executive summary along with the quarterly report.
- Mr. Ronald Pavlovich presented the report of the Director of Finance:
 - Annual Credit Card Report: Mr. Pavlovich reported to the Board that the points earned/redeemed on the corporate credit card for calendar year 2023 have been redeemed and applied as a credit on the December 28, 2023, credit card statement of the CCLRC.
 - Audit update: The audit for the CCLRC is underway. The Board was informed that documents have been supplied to LGS and once the LGS documents are complete, these documents will be provided to Rea & Associates. The CCLRC will post its required public notice to inform the public that the audit is available for viewing.

5. Other Business:

- Cuyahoga Land Bank Charities update: Mr. James Nichols, Executive Director of Cuyahoga Land Bank Charities informed the Board that Cuyahoga Land Bank Charities is currently supporting 61 renovation and new construction projects with 45 of these projects funded through a \$1 million grant from St. Luke's Foundation to provide affordable housing the Buckeye and Mt. Pleasant neighborhoods. The Board was further informed that since the inception of the Cuyahoga Land Bank Charities' matching grant program, \$2.8 million has been committed towards housing construction and critical home repairs and that the grants and donated houses have provided over 2,600 individuals with transitional and/or permanent housing.
 - Mr. León and Mr. Ryan Sutter, the Data Scientist for the Cuyahoga Land Bank provided an impact analysis to the Board which outlined Mr. Sutter's work with the CCLRC and the data being used to show the impact the CCLRC is making in Cuyahoga County.
 - Mr. León introduced four new CCLRC staff members to the Board: Mr. Vince Adamus; Ms. Rachel Trem; Mr. Ryan Sutter and Ms. Erica Tkachyk.
 - Mr. Nathan Kelly, former CCLRC Board member and current President & Managing Director of Cushman & Wakefield | CRESCO, was recognized by Mr. Frangos and the CCLRC Board for his past service to the Board.
6. Public Comment: Mr. Derreck Robinson provided public comment to the Board regarding the demolitions of structures on Page and Elderwood Avenues in the City of East Cleveland and the use of the property after demolition.
7. Adjournment: There being no more business to come before the Board, Director Sally Martin O'Toole moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Cromes and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.

I hereby certify that the minutes related to the Board of Directors' regular quarterly meeting of March 22, 2024, set forth above are the minutes approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting of June 28, 2024.



**Douglas Sawyer, Secretary
Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation**