



HRA Board Meeting Minutes August 24, 2021

Chairperson: Robert Duncan
Vice Chairperson: Mike Caughey
Members Present: Kimberly Downey, Robert Boese, Adam Keaton, Randy Klemm, Charlotte Thomas (at 6:41pm)
Staff Present: City Administrator Michele Eldridge, Public Works Director Chuck Scholz, Finance Officer Cathy Nelson and City Recorder Lori Ross
Meeting Location: Harrisburg Municipal Center @ 354 Smith St.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL BY CHAIRPERSON ROBERT DUNCAN at the hour of 8:46pm.

CONCERNED CITIZEN(S) IN THE AUDIENCE. Those present were there for items on the agenda

**THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION OF AN HRA GRANT REQUEST FOR A \$50,000
PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT GRANT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE
ODDFELLOWS RESTORATION PROJECT**

STAFF REPORT: Eldridge stated that the City has \$52,000 left in the HRA Program. The City just closed out the Mainstreet Revitalization Grant and the last HRA Grant for Patrick and Donnell Freeman for the International Oddfellows Building. All investments put into the building including grant funds, total \$700,000. The first grant the Freeman's received went towards repairing the ceiling, the roof, and the parapet on the structure. The second grant went towards re-wiring the building and restoration of masonry, which alone was \$100,000. They have also renovated and created a commercial leased space on the bottom floor of the building. Eldridge stated that windows are an important part of this structure and are part of the National Registry of Historic Places guidelines. The quote is almost \$10,000 per window and a total of 11 windows are needed.

In the past, the Board has discussed whether to divide up how the remaining funds are being spent and if they want all of the funding going into this one structure. Since early spring, Eldridge has had three property owners contact her, but she feels that it is unlikely to go forward due to the high cost of materials currently and the uncertain economy. Eldridge informed Council that we have been trying to create a program, out of the General Fund; Community and Economic Development, with some of the ARP money. This type of program is adequate but it's up to the Council to decide .

- Thomas commented that Council has granted lots of funding so far for this project. Klemm asked how much money has been granted and Thomas replied, \$100,000.
- Duncan commented that the money was very well spent and he's sure the windows are beautiful, but he was concerned with the cost. Boese asked if there were any other bids. Eldridge replied that she thought they did get quotes from other places, and she thinks this is the best one.
- Eldridge thought maybe it was due to being in the Historic Registry and stated that Bess Tweedt submitted it to the registry back in the 1970's.
- Downey asked the Altons, of S 2nd St, if they ever replaced any of the windows in their home. They replied not yet, but they did think the cost of the windows was an absorbent sum.
 - Keaton **motioned deny the Property Improvement Grant Application for Patrick and Donnell Freeman and to ask the City Administrator to talk to them about the offer they are receiving on the windows and was seconded by Thomas. The HRA Board then voted unanimously to deny the Property Improvement Grant Application for Patrick and Donnell Freeman and ask the City Administrator to talk to them about the offer they are receiving on the windows.**

THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE HARRISBURG REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY 4TH QUARTER 2020/2021 EXPENSE REPORT

STAFF REPORT: No questions or concerns.

- Downey **motioned to approve the HRA 4th Quarter 2020/2021 Expense Report and was seconded by Thomas. The HRA Board then voted unanimously to approve the HRA 4th Quarter 2020/2021 Expense Report**

ADJOURN at the hour of 9:02pm

Chairperson

City Recorder