

HORSHAM LAND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY • April 17, 2024 • 3:30 PM

In Attendance:

Authority Board

W. William Whiteside, III, Chair
Joseph Wade

Not Present:

Joanna M. Furia Esq., Vice Chair
Eric Coombs
Mark McCouch

HLRA Staff

Michael Shinton
Tom Ames
Mary Eberle, Esquire
William Gildea-Walker

Chairman Whiteside called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Horsham Township Building at 1025 Horsham Road, Horsham PA 19044 and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Whiteside asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There were none.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the Board regarding minutes of the HLRA meeting on January 17, 2024. It was moved by Mr. Wade, second by Mr. Whiteside+, to approve the minutes for the January 17, 2024 HLRA meeting. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the Executive Director's Report.

Mr. Shinton stated that a financial update had been sent out at the end of last week. We have the third payment from our current grant.

Mr. Shinton noted that Mr. Whiteside and he had met with OLDCC officials in Washington, D.C., in early April 2024. They continue to be supportive of the HLRA with the negotiations with the Navy on property transfer.

Other updates from Mr. Shinton:

- The audit of the HLRA's financial condition for 2023 is nearing completion.
- Lehigh University's Civil Engineering College students will be presenting their Capstone Project report on April 30, 2024. The HLRA partnered with these students by obtaining environmental data from the Navy on Site 5 at the former NAS-JRB Willow Grove. Mr. Shinton will send a link to the virtual presentation for those interested.
- Mr. Ames and Mr. Shinton attended the PA Brownfields Conference in State College, PA at the end of March 2024. Mr. Shinton participated in a panel discussion on the challenges of redeveloping property with PFAS concerns which was widely attended.
- Michael Baker International, our transportation planning consultant, has completed the topographical survey data collection and is working on an existing conditions plan. The next step is to develop a proposed alignment of the cross roadways in our Redevelopment Plan starting with the Norristown Road connection.
- As authorized by the Board at its January 2024 meeting, the HLRA staff has moved ahead with a marketing consultant. Using funding provided by MIRIA, an Ambler, PA based firm (Elysium) has been retained and a kick-off meeting was held in early April 2024.
- HLRA staff met with PA Department of Economic Development (DECD) officials this week to bring them up to speed on the NAS-JRB Willow Grove Redevelopment Plan.
- HLRA staff continues to meet monthly with Navy officials on the Economic Development Conveyance (EDC). Navy officials are currently working to brief higher echelon officials on the Term Sheet. Mr. Shinton and Mr. Whiteside also met with Greg Preston, head of the Navy's BRAC Program Management Office while in Washington, DC.

Mr. Shinton asked Mr. Ames to provide an environmental update. Mr. Ames briefed the Board on the Navy's plan to install a 500 GPM groundwater extraction and treatment plant as part of an interim CERCLA removal action. The Navy will soon be requesting public comment on their Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) report. Using slides from

recent Restoration Advisory Board meetings, Mr. Ames described that the Navy has looked at four different treatment options, five different locations for the treatment facility and five different options for discharge of the treated effluent. He noted that based on initial comments at RAB meetings, the Navy did additional research on the option of re-injection of the treated groundwater but is still recommending that the discharge be into Park Creek by Keith Valley Road.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the Board regarding the list of checks. It was moved by Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to approve the list of checks in the amount of \$81,550.35 covering the period January 18, 2024 to April 17, 2024. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr.. Whiteside announced that the next Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority meeting would be on July 17, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. in the Horsham Township Municipal Building. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.



William Gildea-Walker
HLRA Secretary