

ALTOONA REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Minutes of Friday January 19, 2018

The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Altoona held their regular monthly meeting on Friday January 19, 2018 in the Fourth Floor Conference Room in City Hall.

Board Members Present: Richard Fiore, Mayor Matthew Pacifico, Lousia Lobre-Riley, Ron Beatty, Frank Wiley, and Atty. Elizabeth Benjamin.

Staff Present: Lee Slusser, Nick Ardizzone and Jean Cupp

Guests Present: Marla Marcinko – Altoona City Manager
Nate Kissell – Altoona Public Works
Pat Miller – ABCD Corp
Steve McKnight – ABCD Corp
Bill Kibler – Altoona Mirror

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by acting chairperson Richard Fiore at 8:30 a.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the Friday, December 15, 2017 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as read by Frank Wiley and seconded by Louisa Lobre Riley, which passed unanimously.

3. Transportation Center Roof Update

Nate Kissell presented the status of the current roofing project at the Altoona Transportation Center. He added that some additional repairs would be needed to the AMTRAK pedestrian bridge: specifically, the humidistat, a hole in the wall, recaulking windows (which can be done under the existing contract's contingency), re check for leaks this spring. Long term, Nate said that we should look at replacing the glazing on the windows or tearing out that framework and installing a new metal roof overhang structure/window system. He also mentioned painting the underside of the train and bus platforms and replacing entry doors. He recommended that the Redevelopment Authority extend their current roofing contract to cover the recaulking. A motion was made by Louisa Lobre-Riley to authorize an extension through the spring to continue the work that needs done on the Transportation Center Roof. Ron Beatty seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Financial Reports

Jean Cupp presented the December 2017 Financial Reports. Frank Wiley made the motion to approve the financials as presented. Ron Beatty seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comment

None at this time.

6. Other Business

Staff noted that after doing some research, we found that we are required to have an ADA compliant water fountain in the Transportation Center's lobby by modern building codes. Staff recommended replacing our current water fountain with such a unit. A motion was made by Ron Beatty approving the replacement of an ADA compliant unit. Louisa Lobre-Riley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Solicitor's Report

The solicitor reviewed the powers of the Altoona Redevelopment Authority as assigned by the Pennsylvania Urban Redevelopment Law. She also explained the procedures that the RA must follow to use these powers. Mr. Slusser, Nick Ardizzone, and Pat Miller then discussed the history of the RA, highlighting its many successful projects and URA plans going back to 1963. They discussed the demand for parcel assemblage today as well as the funding mechanisms available.

8. Adjournment

There being no other business, a motion was made to adjourn at 9:50 a.m.

Approved by Frank Wiley, Secretary/Treasurer