Minutes of the Virtual Regular Board Meeting of the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh.

August 13, 2020 – 2:00 P.M., E.S.T.

Members Present: Williamson, Gainey, Powell, Lavelle, Hirsh
Members Absent: None


Mr. Williamson called the Regular Meeting to order and declared a quorum present.

1. Roll Call

2. Public Comment, See attached.

3. General
   a. Approval of Meeting Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 9, 2020.

4. RFPs, RFQs, RFIs & Bids
   a. Homewood Coliseum Roof Replacement
      i. Request for Proposals (RFP) for construction management and construction inspection services;
      ii. Request for Bids for construction.

5. Announcements
   a. NIF Impact Overview
   b. PHDC Announcement
   c. Housing COVID Dashboard
   d. Community Ambassador Selection
   e. Commercial Lending Dashboard and Strategy
f. Centre-Heldman Tenant Announcement

Background

In March 2020, the URA released a Request for Interested tenants (RFI) for the vacant retail spaces in the Centre-Heldman plaza along Centre Avenue. The goal of the RFI was to understand the types of businesses interested in leasing available spaces in the plaza.

The URA received a total of 14 responses. Due to COVID-19 and other factors, seven (7) of the potential tenants chose to opt out of the RFI process. The remaining seven (7) responses moved forward and have gone through a modified version of the Hill District Community Development Corporation’s (Hill CDC) Development Review Panel process to receive community feedback.

Based on the feedback received, potential community benefits, and a financial analysis of the potential tenants the URA will begin lease negotiations with The Cares CommuniTEA Café for space #4.

The Cares CommuniTEA Café will establish a coffee house that combines the expertise of Hill professionals as a learning lab for work experience for local youth. The coffee house will also offer special events and initiatives that will connect the community such as community conversations, book clubs, art displays, and jazz events.

6. PNC Foundation Award

a. Authorization for the URA to execute all necessary documents and enter into a Non-Revolving Line of Credit agreement with The PNC Foundation in the amount of $10,000,000, to be used as follows:

- $1,000,000 to be used for Catapult – Startup to Storefront Program
- $6,500,000 to be used for the Recovery Loan Fund
- $2,500,000 to be transferred to Invest PGH, Inc.

b. Authorization for the URA to grant $252,000 of the PNC Foundation line of credit to Invest PGH, Inc. for operations.

c. Authorization for the URA to loan $2,248,000 of the PNC Foundation line of credit to Invest PGH, Inc. for lending capital.

d. Authorization to assign a portion of the Micro-Enterprise Loan portfolio to Invest PGH, Inc. and to execute a related co-op agreement between the URA and Invest PGH, Inc.
Ms. Walker requested Board approval of the above items.

The PNC Foundation’s generous $10M award will go to the support of three initiatives: The URA’s COVID-19 Recovery Loan Fund, Catapult, and Invest PGH Inc. The URA and PNC have committed that 60% of the funds disbursed will be used to support low-to-moderate income communities and minority-owned businesses, and 15% of the funds disbursed will be used to support childcare providers.

**Catapult – Startup to Storefront**

Catapult is a 12-month business incubation program created by the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh, Circles of Greater Pittsburgh, and East Liberty Development, Inc., which aims to support new and growing minority-led businesses in the East End of Pittsburgh.

Through educational seminars and one-on-one mentoring consultations, businesses accelerate their growth and achieve sustainable outcomes.

The program completed its first cohort, graduating 12 businesses at the end of 2018 and its second cohort of 15 businesses in 2019. The success of the program led to the opening of a retail incubator storefront, Gallery on Penn, where six of the Catapult businesses are established and selling their goods to customers. Catapult has been nationally and internationally recognized, receiving an International Economic Development Council Silver Award for Equity and Inclusion. The funds will be used to expand the program to other neighborhoods across the city.

**COVID-19 Loan Programs**

The COVID-19 outbreak has forced small businesses across Pittsburgh to shut down. Revenue for many of these small businesses, especially in neighborhood business districts, has dropped 70-90% or more. Despite good intentions, federal and state action have proven insufficient, in size and scope, to address the enormous and specific needs of local small businesses.

The URA’s COVID-19 Small Business Recovery Loan programs provide funds for Pittsburgh small businesses affected by COVID-19 working to recover and position to stabilize and grow when the economy returns to pre-COVID-19 conditions. The Program targets neighborhood-serving small businesses, minority and/or women-owned businesses, businesses in low- and moderate-income communities, and those small businesses most adversely affected by the COVID-19 crisis. Since March 17, the URA has deployed roughly $6M in financing to more than 265 small businesses. PNC’s investment will enable the URA to expand the program, assisting a greater number of business across the city.

**Invest PGH, Inc.**

The Pittsburgh region is vastly underserved by CDFIs. The Philadelphia market, by comparison, has around five times as many CDFIs as Pittsburgh. Out of Pittsburgh’s CDFIs, none focus
specifically on the City of Pittsburgh. Invest PGH, Inc. will fill this gap while focusing on low-income neighborhoods and marginalized businesses.

The cornerstone program of Invest PGH, Inc. will be the Micro-Enterprise Loan program, which focuses largely on minority and women-owned businesses that are starting or expanding. The program, which to date has been run by the URA, has funded more than 64 local businesses, 82% of which are MWBE. Invest PGH Inc.’s position as a CDFI will allow more capital to flow into this program and to subsequent new programs, all focused on marginalized businesses and communities.

Upon a motion to approve by Mr. Lavelle, seconded by Mr. Gainey, and unanimously carried, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 267 (2020)

RESOLVED: That a non-revolving line of credit agreement with the PNC Foundation to be used for the Catapult – Startup to Storefront Program, Recovery Loan Fund and Invest PGH, Inc in an amount of up to $10,000,000, is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and/or the Director of Business Solutions on behalf of the Authority, is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and related documents therefor, and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary is authorized to attest the same and affix the seal of the Authority thereto.

RESOLUTION NO. 268 (2020)

RESOLVED: That a grant with Invest PGH, Inc. for operations, in an amount of up to $252,000, payable from the PNC Foundation line of credit is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and/or the Business Solutions Director on behalf of the Authority, is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement therefor, and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary is authorized to attest the same and affix the seal of the Authority thereto.

RESOLUTION NO. 269 (2020)

RESOLVED: That a loan with Invest PGH, Inc for lending capital, in an amount of up to $2,248,000, payable from the PNC Foundation line of credit is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and/or the Director of Business Solutions, on behalf of the Authority, is hereby authorized to execute a loan agreement and related documents therefor, and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary is authorized to attest the same and affix the seal of the Authority thereto.
RESOLUTION NO. 270 (2020)

RESOLVED: That assignment of a portion of the Micro-Enterprise Loan portfolio to Invest PGH, Inc. and to execute a related co-op agreement between the URA and Invest PGH, Inc is hereby approved.

7. PHDC HRP-D Second Deferred Mortgages – Scattered Sites

   a. Authorization to enter into a Housing Recovery Program – Developer (HRP-D) Loan Agreement for Second Deferred Mortgages with Pittsburgh Housing Development Corporation (PHDC) in an amount up to $200,000.

Ms. Walker requested Board approval of the above item.

Mr. Richard Snipe, Deputy Executive Director, Pittsburgh Housing Development Corporation (PHDC) presented that authorization is requested to enter into the above-mentioned agreement with PHDC to provide second deferred mortgages related to the rehabilitation of five (5) affordable for-sale housing units – up to four (4) at or below 115% Area Median Income (AMI) and at least one (1) at or below 80% AMI. These five units, like others in PHDC’s “Rehab for Resale” program, are in areas with a lack of private investment in housing and a scarcity of affordable, for-sale housing opportunities.

The properties have been acquired through bank foreclosures, the URA, and the City of Pittsburgh’s vacant property inventory. Predevelopment financing for this program, in the form of revolving Line of Credit, was approved by the URA’s Real Estate Loan Review Committee and the URA Board in May 2016 and was increased to $500,000 in November 2019. PHDC will borrow private funds for the rehabilitation of the units.

PHDC’s program brings units, such as these five, up to code, repairs existing foundation issues, remediates lead-based paint, provides energy-efficient upgrades, remodels kitchens/bathrooms, and completes other interior upgrades. These five properties will offer newly renovated for-sale homes to low- and moderate- income buyers. The Housing Repayment Program’s second mortgage levels max out at 115% to encourage the simultaneous use of the URA’s Down Payment Closing Cost Assistance Program (DPCCAP).

Proposed addresses, sales prices, and HRP-D amounts are as follows:

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Borrower/Developer: Pittsburgh Housing Development Corporation  
412 Boulevard of the Allies, Suite 901  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Locations:  
4385 Mooney Rd.  
1234 Justine St.  
3143 Allendale St.  
3222 & 3222 ½ Faronia St.  
1120 Ellopia St.

Neighborhoods: Crafton Heights/Lincoln Place/Sheraden/Chartiers

Council Districts: 2 & 5

Description: Second Deferred Mortgages for resale of acquired, rehabilitated property to income qualified buyers & introduction of new affordable housing

Authority Financing for Review: Up to $200,000 HRP-D Second Deferred Mortgages; the HRP loan funds will accrue no interest and will be due on sale of the property

Required Approvals: Funds approved at the August 5, 2020 Real Estate Loan Review Committee meeting

Upon a motion to approve by Mr. Lavelle, seconded by Ms. Hirsh, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:
RESOLUTION NO. 226 (2020)

RESOLVED: That a loan with Pittsburgh Housing Development Corporation (PHDC) to provide second deferred mortgages related to the rehabilitation of five (5) affordable for-sale housing units, in an amount of up to $200,000, payable from the Housing Recovery Program – Developer (HRP-D) is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and/or the Director of Business Solutions, on behalf of the Authority, is hereby authorized to execute a loan agreement and related documents therefor, and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary is authorized to attest the same and affix the seal of the Authority thereto.

8. Woodland Avenue Phase IIIA – Marshall-Shadeland
   a. Authorization to enter into a HOF For-Sale Development Program (FSDP) Loan Agreement with Brightwood Civic Group in the amount of $128,000.
   b. Authorization to enter into a HOF For-Sale Development Program (FSDP) Grant Agreement with Brightwood Civic Group in the amount of $133,611.
   c. Authorization to enter into a Pittsburgh Housing Construction Fund (PHCF) Grant Agreement with Brightwood Civic Group in the amount $111,694.
   d. Authorization to enter into a Housing Recovery Program – Developer (HRP-D) Agreement with Brightwood Civic Group in the amount of $169,000.

Ms. Walker requested Board approval of the above items.

Ms. Jessica Smith Perry, Director of Lending and Investment presented that authorization is requested to enter into the above-mentioned HOF FSDP, PHCF, and HRP-D grant and loan agreements with Brightwood Civic Group (BCG) for the rehabilitation and sale of 1214, 1246, 1254, and 1256 Woodland Avenue to buyers at or below 80% AMI. The rehabilitation of these four (4) units constitutes Phase IIIA of the Woodland Avenue Revitalization Project, intended to increase homeownership and stabilize housing values throughout the Marshall-Shadeland neighborhood of the City of Pittsburgh.

Woodland Avenue Phase I included the rehabilitation and sale of 1320, 1324, and 1407 Woodland Avenue to buyers at or below 80% AMI, while Phase II featured the rehabilitation and sale of 1128, 1134, and 1136 Woodland Avenue, and 2649 and 2703 Brighton Road to buyers at or below 80% AMI.

To date, all of these units have been completed and sold, with the exception of 2703 Brighton Road where work is still being completed. Phases IIIA and IIIB, brought before you today, will act as the final phases of the Woodland Avenue Revitalization Project.
BCG has worked collaboratively with the City of Pittsburgh to selectively target properties for demolition in order to decrease density. Ultimately, the properties demolished included 1208, 1230, 1231, and 1234 Woodland Avenue. With predevelopment financing from the Northside Coalition Development Fund (NSCDF), BCG purchased 1246 Woodland Avenue and acquired 1214, 1254, and 1256 from the City and other private owners.

BCG will serve as the borrower and developer on Phase IIIA while working directly with Northside Leadership Conference, the development consultant. BCG’s role as the borrower/developer satisfies the HOF FSDP’s requirement for a nonprofit applicant. VAFarchitecture will serve as the architect and Kosko Contracting as the general contractor.

On August 5, 2020, the Real Estate Loan Review Committee awarded this project a PHCF grant, sourced with federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds, in the amount of $111,694 and an HRP-D grant agreement in the amount of $169,000. The HRP-D grant amount will supply each of the four units with a deferred second mortgage to ensure the unit’s affordability at or below 80% AMI. On August 6, 2020, the HOF Advisory Board awarded this project an FSDP loan in the amount of $128,000 and an FSDP grant in the amount of $133,611. The FSDP loan will occupy second position behind the primary construction loan provided by WesBanco in the amount of $509,440.

Details of the development are as follows:

- **Developer:** Brightwood Civic Group
- **Property Location:** 1214, 1246, 1254, and 1256 Woodland Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212
- **Ward:** 27
- **City Council District:** 1
- **Description:** Rehabilitation and sale of four (4) units to buyers at or below 80% AMI in the Marshall-Shadeland neighborhood.
- **General Contractor:** Kosko Contracting
- **Architect:** VAFarchitecture
- **Nonprofit Applicant:** Brightwood Civic Group
- **Total Development Costs:** $940,945

Proposed Development Sources:

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Permanent Financing – 1st Lien (WesBanco) | $509,440  
Permanent Financing – 2nd Lien (HOF FSDP Loan) | $128,000  
URA HOF FSDP Grant | $133,611  
URA PHCF | $111,694  
Deferred Costs | $58,200  
TOTAL PROJECT FINANCING | $940,945  

Authority Financing:  
- HOF FSDP Loan = $128,000 (0% interest, 2-year term)  
- HOF FSSDP Grant = $133,611  
- PHCF Grant (NSP) = $111,694  
- HRP-D Deferred Mortgages = $169,000

Total URA Financing: $542,305

Program Benefit:  
This development will rehabilitate four (4) units along Woodland Avenue in the Marshall-Shadeland neighborhood, increasing the stock of affordable homeownership throughout the City of Pittsburgh.

Required Approvals:  
The project was approved by the Real Estate Loan Review Committee on August 5, 2020 for a $111,694 PHCF grant and a $169,000 HRP-D grant. The project was approved by the HOF Advisory Board on August 6, 2020 for a $128,000 HOF For-Sale Development Program (FSDP) loan and a $133,611 HOF FSDP grant.

MWBE Review  
Committee Status:  
The MWBE narrative has been reviewed and approved by the URA MWBE Compliance staff.

Upon a motion to approve by Mr. Lavelle, seconded by Ms. Hirsh, and unanimously carried, the following resolutions were adopted:
RESOLUTION NO. 227 (2020)

RESOLVED: That a loan with Brightwood Civic Group for the rehabilitation and sale of 1214, 1246, 1254 and 1256 Woodland Avenue in the Marshall-Shadeland neighborhood, in an amount of up to $128,000, payable from the HOF For-Sale Development Program (FSDP) is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and/or the Director of Business Solutions on behalf of the Authority, is hereby authorized to execute a loan agreement and related documents therefor, and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary is authorized to attest the same and affix the seal of the Authority thereto.

RESOLUTION NO. 228 (2020)

RESOLVED: That a grant with Brightwood Civic Group for the rehabilitation and sale of 1214, 1246, 1254 and 1256 Woodland Avenue in the Marshall-Shadeland neighborhood, in an amount of up to $133,611, payable from the HOF For-Sale Development Program (FSDP) is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and/or the Business Solutions Director on behalf of the Authority, is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement therefor, and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary is authorized to attest the same and affix the seal of the Authority thereto.

RESOLUTION NO. 229 (2020)

RESOLVED: That a grant with Brightwood Civic Group for the rehabilitation and sale of 1214, 1246, 1254 and 1256 Woodland Ave. in the Marshall-Shadeland neighborhood, in an amount of up to $111,694, payable from the Pittsburgh Housing Construction Fund (PHCF) and sourced by Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and/or the Business Solutions Director, on behalf of the Authority, is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement therefor, and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary is authorized to attest the same and affix the seal of the Authority thereto.

RESOLUTION NO. 230 (2020)

RESOLVED: That a loan with Brightwood Civic Group for the rehabilitation and sale of 1214, 1246, 1254 and 1256 Woodland Avenue in the Marshall-Shadeland neighborhood, in an amount of up to $169,000, payable from the Housing Recovery Program – Developer (HRP-D) is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and/or the Business Solutions Director, on behalf of the Authority, is hereby authorized to execute a loan agreement and related documents therefor, and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary is authorized to attest the same and affix the seal of the Authority thereto.
9. **Woodland Avenue Phase IIIB – Marshall-Shadeland**

   a. Authorization to enter into a HOF For-Sale Development Program (FSDP) Grant Agreement with Brightwood Civic Group in the amount of $140,000.

   b. Authorization to enter into a Pittsburgh Housing Construction Fund (PHCF) Loan Agreement with Brightwood Civic Group in the amount of $70,380.

   c. Authorization to enter into a Housing Recovery Program–Developer (HRP-D) Agreement with Brightwood Civic Group in the amount of $100,000.

Ms. Walker requested Board approval of the above items.

Ms. Jessica Smith Perry, Director of Lending and Investment presented that authorization is requested to enter into the above-mentioned HOF FSDP, PHCF, and HRP-D grant and loan agreements with Brightwood Civic Group (BCG) for the rehabilitation and sale of 1213 and 1222 Woodland Avenue to buyers at or below 80% AMI. The rehabilitation of these two (2) units constitutes Phase IIIB of the Woodland Avenue Revitalization Project.

BCG will serve as the borrower and developer on Phase IIIB while working directly Northside Leadership Conference, the development consultant. BCG’s role as the borrower/developer satisfies the HOF FSDP’s requirement for a nonprofit applicant. VAFarchitecture will participate as the architect and Kosko Contracting as the general contractor.

On August 5, 2020, the Real Estate Loan Review Committee awarded this project a PHCF loan, sourced with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), in the amount of $70,380 and an HRP-D grant agreement in the amount of $100,000. The HRP-D grant amount will supply each unit with a deferred second mortgage to ensure the unit’s affordability stays at or below 80% AMI.

On August 6, 2020, the HOF Advisory Board awarded this project an FSDP grant in the amount of $140,000. The PHCF loan will occupy second position behind the primary construction loan provided by WesBanco in the amount of $281,520. WesBanco is also providing a $10,000 grant for the completion of Phase IIIB.

Details of the development are as follows:

- **Developer:** Brightwood Civic Group
- **Property Location:** 1213 and 1222 Woodland Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212
- **Ward:** 27
- **City Council District:** 1
Description: Rehabilitation and sale of two (2) units to buyers at or below 80% AMI in the Marshall-Shadeland neighborhood.

General Contractor: Kosko Contracting

Architect: VAFarchitecture

Non-Profit Applicant: Brightwood Civic Group

Total Development Costs: $530,000

Proposed Development Sources:

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Authority Financing:

HOF FSDP Grant = $140,000

PHCF loan (CDBG) = $70,380 (0% interest, two-year term)

HRP-D Deferred mortgages = $100,000

Total URA Financing: $310,380

Program Benefit: This development will rehabilitate two (2) units along Woodland Avenue in the Marshall-Shadeland neighborhood, increasing the stock of affordable homeownership throughout the City of Pittsburgh.

Required Approvals: The project was approved by the Real Estate Loan Review Committee on August 5, 2020 for a $70,380 PHCF loan, $140,000 HOF FSDP grant and a $100,00 HRP-D grant.

The project was approved by the HOF Advisory Board on August 6, 2020 for a $140,000 HOF For-Sale Development Program (FSDP) grant.
Committee Status: The MWBE narrative has been reviewed and approved by the URA MWBE Compliance staff.

Upon a motion to approve by Mr. Lavelle, seconded by Ms. Hirsh, and unanimously carried, the following resolutions were adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 231 (2020)**

RESOLVED: That a grant with Brightwood Civic Group for the rehabilitation and sale of 1213 and 1222 Woodland Avenue in the Marshall-Shadeland neighborhood, in an amount of up to $140,000, payable from the HOF For-Sale Development Program (FSDP) is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and/or the Business Solutions Director, on behalf of the Authority, is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement therefor, and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary is authorized to attest the same and affix the seal of the Authority thereto.

**RESOLUTION NO. 232 (2020)**

RESOLVED: That a loan with Brightwood Civic Group for the rehabilitation and sale of 1213 and 1222 Woodland Avenue in the Marshall-Shadeland neighborhood, in an amount of up to $70,380, payable from the Pittsburgh Housing Construction Fund (PHCF) and sourced by Community Development Block Grant, Paygo, and/or HOME is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and/or the Business Solutions Director, on behalf of the Authority, is hereby authorized to execute a loan agreement and related documents therefor, and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary is authorized to attest the same and affix the seal of the Authority thereto.

**RESOLUTION NO. 233 (2020)**

RESOLVED: That a loan with Brightwood Civic Group for the rehabilitation and sale of 1213 and 1222 Woodland Avenue in the Marshall-Shadeland neighborhood, in an amount of up to $100,000, payable from the Housing Recovery Program–Developer (HRP-D) is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and/or the Business Solutions Director, on behalf of the Authority, is hereby authorized to execute a loan agreement and related documents therefor, and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary is authorized to attest the same and affix the seal of the Authority thereto.

10. **Hazelwood Scattered Site For-Sale Housing – Hazelwood**

   a. Authorization to enter into a HOF For-Sale Development Program (FSDP) Loan Agreement with Hazelwood Initiative in the amount of $150,000.
b. Authorization to enter into a Housing Recovery Program – Developer (HRP-D) Agreement with Hazelwood Initiative in the amount of $150,000.

Ms. Walker requested Board approval of the above items.

Mr. Evan Miller, Senior Program and Policy Specialist, of the Center for Housing Opportunities Department presented that authorization is requested to enter into the above-mentioned agreement with the Hazelwood Initiative (HI) to provide financing, in the form of a FSDP construction loan and HRP-D deferred second mortgages, for the development of six (6) single-family homes as part of the Hazelwood Affordable Homeownership Program.

The Hazelwood Affordable Homeownership Program (HAHOP) is an established program run by HI. The program aims to provide quality affordable for-sale housing opportunities to long time renters in the Hazelwood neighborhood, furthering the neighborhood’s strategy of “Development Without Displacement.”

HAHOP Phases IIIA and IIIB consist collectively of the rehab and resale of six (6) single-family homes. All six units have been awarded funding through a grant from the 2020 Federal Home Loan Bank’s Affordable Housing Program (AHP). This AHP award allowed HI the flexibility to begin construction on Phase IIIA several months ago and are currently near completion.

For Phase IIIB, HI is also seeking $150,000 ($50,000/unit) in the form of a HOF For-Sale Development Program construction loan, to be used to bridge the FHLB funding (reimbursable upon sale of the units), and to be repaid to the URA upon sale. Through the URA’s involvement as both a construction lender and provider of deferred second mortgage financing, the units in HAHOP will reach deep levels of affordability, providing several households below 50% AMI an opportunity for homeownership and wealth generation.

Details of the project are as follows:

Borrower/Developer: Hazelwood Initiative
4901 Second Avenue, 2nd Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15207

Location: 316 Flowers Avenue, 325 Johnston Street, 5032 Lytle Street, 70 Cust Street, 239 Mansion Street, 5317 Gertrude Street

Neighborhood: Hazelwood

Council District: 5

Description: For-Sale Development Program Loan, Housing Recovery Program deferred second mortgage financing

Architect: CitySTUDIO
General Contractor(s): HNMS, Inc., Power 59 Contracting, Concrete Rose

Program Benefit: Putting previously vacant/distressed property back into productive use, providing affordable for-sale options in Hazelwood, securing affordable resale terms for future buyers within the affordability period

Total URA Financing: HOF FSDP construction loan - $150,000; 0%, 2-year term
HRP-D Deferred mortgages = $150,000

Total Development Sources (Phase IIIB)
URA FSDP Loan - $150,000
First Commonwealth Bank Line of Credit - $90,000
Federal Home Loan Bank AHP Grant - $323,922
First Commonwealth Bank Grant - $900
Total Financing - $564,822

Est. Average Sales Price: $89,000

Income Restrictions: 80% AMI on all six units for a period of 10 years – secured by recorded deed restriction

Required Approvals: Financing was approved at the August 5, 2020 Real Estate Loan Review Committee meeting.

MWBE Status: MWBE narrative has been approved. A final MWBE plan will be provided prior to closing.

Upon a motion to approve by Mr. Lavelle, seconded by Ms. Hirsh, and unanimously carried, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 234 (2020)
RESOLVED: That a loan with Hazelwood Initiative for the development of six (6) single-family homes as part of the Hazelwood Affordable Homeownership Program, in an amount of up to $150,000, payable from the HOF For-Sale Development Program (FSDP) is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and/or the Business Solutions Director, on behalf of the Authority, is hereby authorized to execute a loan agreement and related documents therefor, and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary is authorized to attest the same and affix the seal of the Authority thereto.

RESOLUTION NO. 235 (2020)
RESOLVED: That a loan with Hazelwood Initiative for the development of six (6) single-family homes as part of the Hazelwood Affordable Homeownership Program, in an amount of up to $150,000, payable from the Housing Recovery Program – Developer (HRP-D) is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and/or the Business Solutions Director, on behalf of the Authority, is hereby authorized to execute a loan agreement and related documents
therefor, and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary is authorized to attest the same and affix the seal of the Authority thereto.

11. **Sweetbriar Senior Residences – Mount Washington**

   a. **Authorization to enter into an Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) UPIF Loan Agreement with Washington Heights Elderly Housing Corporation in the amount of $351,000.**

Ms. Walker requested Board approval of the above item.

**Mr. Evan Miller,** Senior Program and Policy Specialist, of the Center for Housing Opportunities Department presented that authorization is requested to enter into the above-mentioned agreement with the Washington Heights Elderly Housing Corporation to provide financing, in the form of a UDAG Program Income Fund loan, for the complete overhaul and modernization of the elevator at Sweetbriar Place. Sweetbriar Place is a 55-unit HUD 202 senior apartment building located in the Mount Washington neighborhood of Pittsburgh.

The building is owned by the Washington Heights Elderly Housing Corporation, a nonprofit 501(C)(3) comprised of representatives from local Mount Washington area organizations. SeniorCare Network has managed Sweetbriar since its opening in 1986; it is the real estate management arm of Presbyterian SeniorCare Network. SeniorCare’s mission is to provide affordable and supportive housing for seniors and persons with disabilities.

The building is eight-stories tall and contains only one elevator, dating back to 1986. The current state of the elevator makes it a liability to the building, its management, and residents. Over the past 34 years, the elevator has been well maintained but it is at the point where parts are no longer readily available and are proving to be prohibitively expensive to procure. A large-scale modernization project is required to secure the long-term safety and accessibility of the community for its residents and visitors.

The development team has brought on Elevator Management Services to act as a development consultant for this project, and they have created an appropriate scope and modernization plan that was put out to bid earlier this year. Otis Elevator provided the most appropriate proposal and was selected by the development team to serve as the contractor. Given the elderly and frail population, relocation is necessary for some residents while the work is carried out, likely for 4-6 weeks. The development team has been in discussions with nearby facilities with vacancies.

**Details of the project are as follows:**

**Borrower/Developer:** Washington Heights Elderly Housing Corporation
211 Sweetbriar Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15211
Location: 211 Sweetbriar Street

Neighborhood: Mount Washington

Council District: 2

Description: UDAG Program Income Fund Loan for elevator modernization in 55-unit senior high-rise apartment development.

Development Consultant: Elevator Management Services

General Contractor(s): Otis Elevator Co. Pittsburgh

Program Benefit: Fills an immediate need to create a safer living space for a vulnerable population, furthering the URA’s mission to provide quality, safe housing to the residents of the City of Pittsburgh. URA will be repaid, with interest, while Sweetbriar is able to make a necessary repair in a cost-effective manner that will not jeopardize their ability to provide support and services for their residents in the future.

Total URA Financing: $351,000 UDAG Program Income Fund Loan

Loan Terms: Principle - $351,000
Term – 20 years
Amortization Period – 20 years
Interest Rate – 2%
Collateral – Subordinate lien position on property located at 211 Sweetbriar Street, Pittsburgh PA 15211

Required Approvals: Financing was approved at the August 5, 2020 Real Estate Loan Review Committee meeting.

MWBE Status: MWBE narrative has been approved. A final MWBE plan will be provided prior to closing.

Upon a motion to approve by Mr. Lavelle, seconded by Ms. Hirsh, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 236 (2020)

RESOLVED: That a loan with Washington Heights Elderly Housing Corporation for the complete overhaul and modernization of the elevator at Sweetbriar Place, a 55-unit HUD 202 senior apartment building located in the Mount Washington neighborhood, in an amount of up to $351,000, payable from the Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) UPIF is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, and/or the Business Solutions Director, on behalf of the Authority, is hereby authorized to execute a loan agreement and related documents.
therefor, and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary is authorized to attest the same and affix the seal of the Authority thereto.

12.  9 Lanark Street – Fineview

   a. Authorization to enter into a Community Development Investment Fund (CDIF) Grant Agreement with Fineview Citizens Council in the amount of $90,000.

   b. Authorization to enter into a Rental Gap Financing Loan Agreement with (RGP) Fineview Citizens Council in the amount of $22,790 and a waiver of program guidelines.

Ms. Walker requested Board approval of the above items.

Ms. Smith Perry presented that authorization is requested to enter into the above-mentioned agreement with the Fineview Citizen’s Council (FCC) to provide financing, in the form of a Community Development Investment Fund (CDIF) Grant and a Rental Gap Financing (RGP) Loan agreement, for the development of a single-unit rental structure. Due to the size of the structure, authorization is also requested to waive the RGP program guidelines that require projects receiving RGP financing to have four (4) or more units.

This project involves a complete renovation of the current structure that will include bringing the unit up to code, landscaping, painting, and other renovations. Once work is complete, the property will be rented to an income-eligible household with an income at or below 60% AMI. As a stipulation of the loan, the home will have a 15-year affordability restriction for households at or below 60% AMI.

The CDIF Grant agreement will be sourced by City Bond 2012 PHCF Fineview funding. The RGP loan will be sourced by LLEA.

**Details of the project are as follows:**

**Borrower/Developer:** Fineview Citizens Council  
447 Marshall Ave  
Pittsburgh, PA 15214

**Location:** 9 Lanark St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15214

**Neighborhood:** Fineview

**Council District:** 1
Description: Community Development Investment Fund (CDIF) Grant & Rental Gap Program (RGP) Loan

Architect: Studio for Spatial Practice, LLC

General Contractor: Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh

Program Benefit: This project will redevelop a vacant structure in the Fineview neighborhood and provide needed affordable, rental housing to the community.

Total URA Financing: $112,790; The RGP loan ($22,790) will have a 0% annual interest rate with a 15-year term.

Total Development Sources:
- URA RGP Loan - $22,790
- URA CDIF Grant - $90,000
- Community Infrastructure and Tourism Fund - $225,000
- Landmarks Community Capital Corporation Bridge Loan - $40,000
- Northside CD Loan Fund - $80,000
- FCC Start Up Cash - $12,000

**Total Financing - $337,790**

Required Approvals: Financing was approved at the August 5, 2020 Real Estate Loan Review Committee meeting

MWBE Status: MWBE narrative has been approved. A final MWBE plan will be provided prior to closing.

Upon a motion to approve by Mr. Lavelle, seconded by Mr. Gainey, and unanimously carried, the following resolutions were adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 237 (2020)**

RESOLVED: That a grant with Fineview Citizens Council for the development of a single-unit rental structure, in an amount of up to $90,000, payable from the Community Development Investment Fund (CDIF) is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and/or the Business Solutions Director, on behalf of the Authority, is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement therefor, and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary is authorized to attest the same and affix the seal of the Authority thereto.
RESOLUTION NO. 238 (2020)

RESOLVED: That a loan with Fineview Citizens Council for the development of a single-unit rental structure, in an amount of up to $22,790, payable from the Rental Gap Program and sourced by LLEA, State Repayments, and/or Paygo is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and/or the Business Solutions Director, on behalf of the Authority, is hereby authorized to execute a loan agreement and related documents therefor, and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary is authorized to attest the same and affix the seal of the Authority thereto.

13. **Homeowner Assistance Program - 2020 HOF funding awards**

   a. Authorization to increase the contract with Hilltop Alliance by $250,000 from $700,000 to $950,000.

   b. Authorization to increase the contract with Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh by $200,000 from $400,000 to $600,000.

   c. Authorization to increase the contract with Low Country Building Solutions by $285,000 from $400,000 to $685,000.

Ms. Walker requested Board approval of the above items.

Mr. Carter presented that the main objective of the HOF Homeowner Assistance Program (HAP) is to provide financial and technical assistance to eligible Borrowers for rehabilitating and improving residential owner-occupied properties citywide. Through HOF HAP, the URA provides deferred 0% interest loans and grants to assist low-income Borrowers to: bring their homes into compliance with city codes; undertake energy efficiency improvements; and undertake eligible general property improvements. The homeowners must have annual household incomes less than 50% of the Area Median Income. The program has been operating since June 2019. It was recently expanded to include HAP+ which will service households with incomes above 50% AMI but below 80% AMI.

The program administrators will work with homeowners to identify the scope of work and prepare bids or cost estimates. The program administrators will either perform the construction work themselves or contract with contractors to perform the work. The Program Administrators will coordinate the work with the URA’s HOF Department and the Engineering and Construction Department.

Authorization is requested to amend contracts with three (3) contractors for the HAP program. The contractors and the requested contract amounts are as follows:

**Low Country Building Solutions, LLC – increase by $285,000:** Low Country Building Solutions is a MWBE firm that performs work for the program citywide. Mona Minnie is the President (412-458-0037). The offices are located at 1455 Spring Garden Ave, Pittsburgh PA 15212.
The Hilltop Alliance — increase by $250,000: The Hilltop Alliance is a community development corporation that serves the South Hilltop neighborhoods consisting of Allentown, Arlington, Arlington Heights, Beltzhoover, Bon Air, Carrick, Knoxville, Mount Washington, Mount Oliver, Saint Clair, and South Side Slopes. Aaron Sukenik is the Executive Director. Their offices are located at 831 East Warrington Ave., 2nd Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15210.

Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh — increase by $200,000: Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh (RTP) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing low-income homeowners with critical home repairs, accessibility modifications, and energy efficiency upgrades. RTP serves residents across Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh and their office is located at 7800 Susquehanna St. Pittsburgh, PA 15208. Steve Burris is the Executive Director.

HOF Advisory Board Review: The HOF Advisory Board reviewed and approved the HOF funded awards at the August 6, 2020 HOF Advisory Board Meeting.

M/WBE Review Committee Status: Total per household project costs will be less than $250,000; therefore, this program is not subject to the URA’s M/WBE review process. All program administrators are still encouraged to make good faith efforts to be inclusive and equitable with their hiring practices.

Upon a motion to approve by Mr. Lavelle, seconded by Mr. Gainey, and unanimously carried, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 239 (2020)

RESOLVED: That amendment of an Agreement with Hilltop Alliance, dated February 3, 2020, to provide financial and technical assistance to eligible Borrowers for rehabilitating and improving residential owner-occupied properties citywide, for an increase of up to $250,000, for a total Agreement amount of $950,000, payable from the HOF Homeowner Assistance Program (HAP) is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and/or the Business Solutions Director, on behalf of the Authority, is hereby authorized to execute an amendment of agreement and related documents therefor, and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary is authorized to attest the same and affix the seal of the Authority thereto.
RESOLUTION NO. 240 (2020)

RESOLVED: That amendment of an Agreement with Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh, dated April 19, 2020, to provide financial and technical assistance to eligible Borrowers for rehabilitating and improving residential owner-occupied properties citywide, for an increase of up to $200,000, for a total Agreement amount of $400,000, payable from the HOF Homeowner Assistance Program (HAP) is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and/or the Business Solutions Director, on behalf of the Authority, is hereby authorized to execute an amendment of agreement and related documents therefor, and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary is authorized to attest the same and affix the seal of the Authority thereto.

RESOLUTION NO. 241 (2020)

RESOLVED: That amendment of an Agreement with Low Country Building Solutions, dated November 22, 2019, to provide financial and technical assistance to eligible Borrowers for rehabilitating and improving residential owner-occupied properties citywide, for an increase of up to $285,000, for a total Agreement amount of $685,000, payable from the HOF Homeowner Assistance Program (HAP) is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and/or the Business Solutions Director, on behalf of the Authority, is hereby authorized to execute an amendment of agreement and related documents therefor, and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary is authorized to attest the same and affix the seal of the Authority thereto.

14. ePropertyPlus

   a. Authorization to enter into a contract with eProperty Innovations, LLC for the ePropertyPlus property database system, in an amount not to exceed $24,600.48.

Ms. Walker requested Board approval of the above item.

Mr. Tim Dolan, URA Data and GIS Specialist presented that ePropertyPlus (“ePP”) is a property database system that enables URA staff to access information about URA and City-owned properties and acts as a single repository of information. The program helps to eliminate inconsistent information and enhances the efficiency and effectiveness of the URA’s property management and site planning. Since the URA’s initial contract with STR GRANTS, LLC in 2015, now eProperty Innovations, LLC, ePP has enhanced our ability to work with property information across the Authority, with leadership, and with the general public.

ePP includes the ability to review program and project assignments, service providers, contractor selection and monitoring, cost accumulation, and more in a central repository of all data related to the URA’s property portfolio. ePP allows URA staff to track details and review and update the status of individual parcels live and online.
ePP has two essential functional aspects:

1. Property Management for managing the inventory, managing projects, and performing various services on the inventory.
2. A public site which provides an outreach platform for potential buyers to research and apply for properties. The public site allows individuals, such as members of the public, legislators, or organizations, to view properties either by list or map view. Applications can be submitted online and application status tracking is also provided. Such monitoring can also take place on mobile devices including tablets, phones, and other portable devices connected to the internet.

The software integrates well with most other data systems including Excel. ePP was initially devised as a product to support land banking and is currently utilized by most of the larger land banks in the country, including those in New York, New Jersey, Michigan, Ohio, Georgia, and Louisiana.

Authorization is requested to enter into a 12-month contract with eProperty Innovations, LLC for the ePP property database system, in an amount not to exceed $24,600.48. This contract includes a one-year subscription renewal for seven standard users, two light users, and one free guest user.

This is a decrease from prior contracts and its expiration is set to align with the estimated implementation timelines of other software platforms being investigated by the Authority. This contract renewal will allow staff to better determine if other platforms under consideration would be better-suited for this purpose without risking loss of any historic data gathered to-date.

The funding source is 500-00 Inventory Management and/or other sources.

eProperty Innovations, LLC, is a Virginia limited liability company with a mailing address of 3975 Fair Ridge Drive, #425 North, Fairfax, VA 22033. Brian White is the General Manager and Director of Strategic Engagement.

Upon a motion to approve by Mr. Lavelle, seconded by Mr. Gainey, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:
RESOLUTION NO. 242 (2020)

RESOLVED: That an agreement with the eProperty Innovations, LLC for the ePropertyPlus property database system, for an amount not to exceed $24,600.48, payable from 500-00 Inventory Management and/or other sources is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and/or the Business Solutions Director, on behalf of the Authority, is authorized to execute an agreement therefor, and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary is authorized to attest the same and affix the seal of the Authority thereto.

15. **Uptown - Fifth and Dinwiddie**

   a. Authorization to extend exclusive negotiations with Fifth and Dinwiddie Development, LLC, for a period of six (6) months for the sale of the following parcels known as the Fifth and Dinwiddie Site:

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Ms. Walker requested Board approval of the above item.

Laya Mathews, Project Development Specialist presented that the Fifth and Dinwiddie site includes 34 parcels located at the intersection of Fifth Avenue and Dinwiddie Street in the Uptown neighborhood. The site is divided by Dinwiddie Street. The western portion of the site is 1.4 acres and contains a surface parking lot, vacant land, and scattered, vacant single-family residential structures. The eastern portion of the site, comprising Block 11-E, Lots 81, 82, and 83, is currently City-owned and is being transferred to URA pursuant to a Cooperation Agreement executed July 24, 2018. The City-owned portion of the site contains approximately 0.4 acres and includes vacant land and a structure that is currently used by the Department of Public Works (DPW) as warehouse space.

The URA issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on February 27, 2019, seeking redevelopers or redevelopment teams to purchase and redevelop the Fifth and Dinwiddie site. The goal of the RFP was to implement the community supported vision as identified in the 2017 EcoInnovation District Plan. At the July 2019 URA Board Meeting the board authorized exclusive negotiations with Fifth and Dinwiddie Development, LLC, a joint venture comprised of Bridging the Gap, LLC, and HB Development.

Details of the Development:

The developer proposes to redevelop the western portion of the site into two (2) new mixed-use buildings joined by a three-story skybridge. The site will include 20,000 square feet of commercial space, a new public plaza, and a total of 167 rental units comprised of micro, 1-bedroom, and 2-bedroom units. Thirty-three of the units, (20%), will be affordable. Of the 33 affordable units, 16 will be for households earning at or below 60% AMI, 13 will be for households earning at or below 50% AMI, and 4 will be for households earning at or below 20% AMI. The developer plans to apply for 4% Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) to support the financing of these affordable units.

The eastern portion of the site will feature an adaptive reuse of the Mugele Building (current DPW warehouse) into commercial/institutional flexible space. The developer also plans to add two stories to the roof of the existing building, set back from the Fifth Avenue frontage. Total project costs are estimated at $51M.
Authorization is requested to extend exclusive negotiations with Fifth and Dinwiddie Development, LLC, for a period of six (6) months. Fifth and Dinwiddie Development, LLC’s exclusive negotiation period expired on June 30, 2020. The developer has requested an extension to continue due diligence and site investigation in order to determine next steps for the development based on current site conditions.

A MWBE Narrative for this project is on file.

Fifth and Dinwiddie Development, LLC, is a newly formed joint venture (JV) comprised of two partner firms, Bridging the Gap Development, LLC, and HB Development, LLC. Bridging the Gap Development, LLC, is a Pennsylvania limited liability company that is a certified MBE firm headed by Derrick Tillman. Bridging the Gap will own a 55% interest in the JV. HB Development is a Pennsylvania limited liability company headed by Gene Boyer and Jeffrey Stein. Fifth and Dinwiddie Development, LLC, has a mailing address of 1435 Bedford Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Derrick Tillman is the Managing Partner.

Upon a motion to approve by Mr. Lavelle, seconded by Mr. Gainey, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 243 (2020)**

RESOLVED: That exclusive negotiations with Fifth and Dinwiddie Development, LLC Corporation, for the sale of the following properties known as the Fifth and Dinwiddie Site for a period of six (6) months, is hereby approved:

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16. **Larimer – Steel City Squash**

   a. Authorization to enter into exclusive negotiations with Steel City Squash for a period of six (6) months, with a possible (3) three-month extension, for the sale of the following publicly owned parcels:

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Ms. Walker requested Board approval of the above item.

Lily Freedman, Community Development Specialist presented that authorization is requested to enter into Exclusive Negotiations with Steel City Squash for the purchase and redevelopment of vacant land along Larimer Avenue. Steel City Squash, in partnership with the national Squash and Education Alliance network, provides programming focused on education, mentoring, community service, travel, and the sport of squash. It aims to offer academic and athletic opportunities for Pittsburgh youth and families who desire and deserve more long-term, reliable support.

To date, Steel City Squash has been renting space for their operations from Chatham University, but is ready to grow into its own headquarters. The Larimer location has been identified for Steel City Squash’s project due to its centrality, as well as the existing neighborhood plans to redevelop Larimer Avenue. The URA is in the process of acquiring the properties from the City of Pittsburgh. The site contains a total of approximately 40,665 square feet.

Steel City Squash plans to build a new facility that includes squash courts as well as classroom/meeting space that can be made available for use by the Larimer community. Steel City Squash has worked closely with the Larimer Consensus Group (LCG) to design its site appropriately, accommodate nearby residents, and ensure community benefit including ongoing partnership with schools in Larimer for field trip opportunities and job creation. The Steel City Squash team has met with the LCG on numerous occasions and has presented at an open body meeting for the Larimer community to comment on the project. During the Exclusive Negotiations period, the LCG has asked that Steel City Squash continue its robust community outreach. The total project cost is estimated at $5,000,000.

Approved MWBE and MWI Narratives are on file.

The exclusive negotiation period would be for six (6) months with the option of extending this period for an additional three (3) months at the discretion of the Executive Director.

Steel City Squash is a non-profit corporation with a mailing address of 140 Trees Hall, Pittsburgh PA, 15261. Brad Young is the Executive Director.

Upon a motion to approve by Mr. Gainey, seconded by Ms. Powell, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:
RESOLUTION NO. 244 (2020)

RESOLVED: That exclusive negotiations with Steel City Squash, for the sale of the following publicly-owned properties for a period of six (6) months, with a possible (3) three-month extension at the discretion of the Executive Director is hereby approved:

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17. Bedford Dwellings – Bedford Senior Campus Exclusive Negotiations.

a. Authorization to enter into exclusive negotiations with Catalyst Communities LLC and Hill District Community Development Corporation for a period of six (6) months, with a possible six (6) month extension, for the sale of Block 25-S, Lot 110, and Block 25-S, Lot 112, in the 5th Ward.

Ms. Walker requested Board approval of the above item.

Ms. Smith Perry presented that authorization is requested to enter into Exclusive Negotiations with Catalyst Communities LLC and the Hill Community Development Corporation (Hill CDC) as
they complete due diligence, fundraising, and other pre-development activities related to the rehabilitation of the above-mentioned URA-owned properties, which will be incorporated into a larger age- and income-restricted senior housing community called “Bedford Senior Campus.”

The URA originally entered into Exclusive Negotiations with the Ralph A. Falbo development company for the Western Restoration property in Bedford Dwellings in May 2018. An Intent to Issue Multi-Family Debt in an amount up to $4.1 million was approved by the URA board at the same time. Ultimately, the project was reimagined and is now brought back to the board as a comprehensive rehabilitation of the Bedford Senior Campus site which includes two separate redevelopment transactions.

One component is the rehabilitation of three (3) existing senior housing properties - Milliones Manor, Western Manor, and Christopher A. Smith Terrace - containing a total of 109 units. The second component is the acquisition and adaptive reuse of the three (3) vacant Western Restoration buildings along with the addition of a new construction low-rise elevator building on adjacent vacant land. This will result in the addition of up to 40 new units of senior housing adjacent to the three existing operating senior buildings, bringing the total number of units at Bedford Senior Campus to 149. There will be commercial use in at least one of the buildings with the tenant to be determined.

Catalyst Communities is proposing a rehabilitation involving two 4% Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) transactions which will bring the existing properties, which have not been renovated in over 20 years, up to 2020 standards, with building code, accessibility, and many other updates. The URA, through past projects and activities, has already contributed funding to Western Manor, specifically a $380,000 soft loan and $75,000 in disposition costs for building and land. Milliones Manor, as one of the City’s earliest 9% LIHTC deals, also has URA involvement.

The Bedford Senior Campus project will bring the three existing senior housing properties under single ownership and will combine them with the reuse and new construction of the three vacant properties to create a multi-building mixed-use senior development campus. Affordability levels for all of the senior units will be up to 50% AMI. Excluding acquisition, which is under negotiation, the Western Manor/Christopher A. Smith Terrace/Milliones Manor rehabilitation is budgeted at approximately $10M. The Western Restoration redevelopment is budgeted at approximately $10M for the acquisition and rehabilitation of the three existing buildings and the addition of one new construction building.

The Hill CDC is a sponsor and Board member of Western Manor and acted last year to contribute the building to this transaction. Additionally, the Hill CDC owns Milliones Manor and is seeking to restructure the financing in order to bring new capital in. It is specifically looking to convert to Project-Based Section 8 in addition to adding Historic Tax Credit (HTC), LIHTC, and Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP) capital. Regarding Christopher A. Smith Terrace, the Hill CDC is working with the existing general partner and limited partner to put purchase and sale agreements in place.
Approved MWBE and MWI narratives are on file for the project.

Catalyst Communities LLC is a Pennsylvania limited liability company with a mailing address at 429 4th Avenue, Suite 2010, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Michael Polite is founder, CEO and Chairman.

Hill CDC is a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation with a mailing address at 2015-2017 Centre Avenue, 2nd Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Marimba Milliones is President and CEO.

Upon a motion to approve by Mr. Lavelle, seconded by Mr. Gainey, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 245 (2020)**

RESOLVED: That exclusive negotiations with Catalyst Communities LLC and Hill District Community Development Corporation, for the sale of Block 25-S, Lot 110, and Block 25-S, Lot 112, in the 5th Ward for a period of six (6) months with a possible six (6) month extension at the discretion of the Executive Director is hereby approved.

18. **West End Campus – DIF Funding**

   a. Authorization to enter into a District Improvement Fund (DIF) grant agreement with Jasmine Nyree Homes Inc., or related entity in the amount of up to $75,000 and a waiver of the administrative guidelines.

Ms. Walker requested Board approval of the above item.

Emily Mitchell, Assistant Director of Neighborhood Development presented that authorization is requested to enter into a District Improvement Fund (DIF) grant agreement with Jasmine Nyree Homes Inc., or related entity, in the amount of up to $75,000 for the Jasmine Nyree Campus project. Authorization is also requested for a waiver of administrative guidelines.

In 2019, the developer purchased four buildings on Landis Street in the Sheraden neighborhood of Pittsburgh, including the former Holy Innocents Church and two school buildings. The 180,000 square foot site has been vacant for over a decade. The Jasmine Nyree Campus Project will transform the site into a multi-service facility for those with special needs and the West End community at large.

The multi-phase community project includes:

- The Patricia Jean Administration Building, which opened in June of 2020;
- The Dr. Phillip Birdean Learning Center, a 65,000 square foot facility with basketball court, computer lab, library and daycare for adults with special needs;
• A 75,000 square foot Community Center with cafeteria, mental health clinic, laundromat, drug-and-alcohol treatment facility, cosmetology school and employment hub where people can earn their GED, complete college applications and receive job training; and
• A 40-unit apartment building for low-income seniors, disabled veterans, and special needs adults.

Grant funding will be used for the Dr. Phillip Birdean Learning Center, which is expected to open in the first quarter of 2021. Total projects costs for the learning center facility are $1.75M. Sources: Development Improvement Fund

**Contract information:**
Jasmine Nyree Homes Inc
3011 Landis Street
Pittsburgh Pa 15204

Upon a motion to approve by Mr. Lavelle, seconded by Mr. Gainey, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 246 (2020)**

RESOLVED: That an agreement with Jasmine Nyree Homes Inc for the Jasmine Nyree Campus project, for an amount not to exceed $75,000, payable from District Improvement Fund (DIF) is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and/or the Business Solutions Director, on behalf of the Authority, is authorized to execute an agreement therefor, and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary is authorized to attest the same and affix the seal of the Authority thereto; and it is

RESOLVED FURTHER: That a waiver of the District Improvement Fund (DIF) guidelines is hereby approved.

a. **Neighborhood Initiatives Fund**

Authorization to make awards to 12 neighborhood improvement projects and programs, totaling $568,964.

Ms. Walker requested Board approval of the above item.

Mr. Tom Link, Business Solutions Director presented that authorization is requested to enter into contracts with the following organizations to conduct approved Neighborhood Initiatives Fund activities, for a total not to exceed $568,964. Funding amounts for each project are pending final CDBG approval. Funding sources are CDBG and PayGo.

- Beltzhoover Consensus Group
Upon a motion to approve by Mr. Lavelle, seconded by Ms. Powell, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 247 (2020)

RESOLVED: That agreements with the following organizations to conduct approved Neighborhood Initiatives Fund activities, in an amount of up to $568,964 in total across all organizations, payable from CDBG and PayGo funds are hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and/or the Business Solutions Director, on behalf of the Authority, is hereby authorized to execute agreements therefor, and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary is authorized to attest the same and affix the seal of the Authority thereto:

- Beltzhoover Consensus Group
- Brashear Association
- Center of Life
- City of Asylum
- Amani Christian CDC
- South Side Community Council
- Hill CDC
- Hill District Federal Credit Union
- New Hazlett Center for the Arts
- Operation Better Block
- Oakland BID
- Richard’s Imagine Center of Hope
20. **Get Online Grow Online**

a. Authorization to enter into a contract with Neighborhood Allies for up to $26,000 for the second round of the Get Online Grow Online program.

Ms. Walker requested Board approval of the above item.

Mr. Link presented that authorization is requested to enter into a contract with Neighborhood Allies for up to $26,000 for the second round of the Get Online Grow Online program.

In June 2020, the URA and Neighborhood Allies worked together to develop and implement the first round of Get Online Grow Online (GOGO), a technical assistance program designed to help retail and food-based small businesses to build their e-commerce capacity. Nine technical assistance providers were selected through an RFP process. More than 90 businesses applied for the program; 46 were selected to participate, and 35 completed the program – of which 80% were MWBE.

The RFP for technical assistance providers, as well as the application for participants, for the second round of the GOGO program will be released on August 14. Participants will be selected at the beginning of September.

Upon a motion to approve by Mr. Lavelle, seconded by Mr. Gainey, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 248 (2020)**

RESOLVED: That an agreement with Neighborhood Allies to develop and implement the second round of Get Online Grow Online (GOGO), in an amount of up to $26,000, is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and/or the Business Solutions Director, on behalf of the Authority, is hereby authorized to execute an agreement therefor, and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary is authorized to attest the same and affix the seal of the Authority thereto.

AGENDA “B”

The Members reviewed the items on Agenda “B” upon motion made by Mr. Lavelle, seconded by Mr. Gainey, and unanimously carried, the following resolutions were adopted:

1. Reallocations of CDBG 2019 Housing Rehab funds in the amount of $240,000 to CDBG 2019 HAPI.

**RESOLUTION NO. 249 (2020)**

RESOLVED: That the reallocation of $240,000 from the CDBG 2019 Housing Rehab funds line item to the CDBG 2019 HAPI fund line item is hereby approved.
2. Reallocation of up to $80,000 from the Homewood Coliseum PAYGO2016PAYGO16-10 funding source to the Citywide Paygo 2017 Major Development PAYGO2017PAYGO17-11 funding source to be used for the Neighborhood Initiative Fund.

RESOLUTION NO. 250 (2020)

RESOLVED: That the reallocation of $80,000 from the Homewood Coliseum PAYGO2016PAYGO16-10 funding source line item to the Citywide Paygo 2017 Major Development PAYGO2017PAYGO17-11 funding source line item is hereby approved.

3. Reallocation of up to $80,000 from the CDBG19-20 Community Neighborhood initiatives funding source to be used for the Homewood Coliseum replacement project.

RESOLUTION NO. 251 (2020)

RESOLVED: That the reallocation of $80,000 from the CDBG19-20 Community Neighborhood initiatives funding source to the Homewood Coliseum replacement project is hereby approved.

4. **Neighborhood Initiatives Fund**
   a. Reallocation of $100,000 from Major Development PAYGO 2018 to the Neighborhood Initiatives Fund.

RESOLUTION NO. 252 (2020)

RESOLVED: That the reallocation of $100,000 from the Major Development PAYGO 2018 to the Neighborhood Initiatives Fund is hereby approved.

5. Authorization to amend the Housing Stabilization Program Guidelines to incorporate CDBG required language.

RESOLUTION NO. 253 (2020)

RESOLVED: That amendment of the Housing Stabilization Program Guidelines to incorporate CDBG required language is hereby approved.

6. **Central Business District - Hitchhiker Holdings, LLC**
   a. Rescission of Resolution No. 31 (2020), which approved the proposal by Hitchhiker Holdings, LLC, to purchase 604 Liberty Avenue (Block 1-D, Lot 183) in the 2nd Ward.
RESOLUTION 254 (2020)

RESOLVED: That Resolution No. 31 (2020) which approved the proposal by Hitchhiker Holdings, LLC, to purchase 604 Liberty Avenue (Block 1-D, Lot 183) in the 2nd Ward is hereby rescinded.

7. Amendment of URA Wire Transfer/Check Signers:

RESOLUTION NO. 255 (2020)

RESOLVED: That Resolution No. 450 (2018) is hereby amended, by inserting a new subparagraph A as follows:

“All accounts of this Corporation – any two of the following: one of which is to be one of the following: Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, Director of Housing Lending, Director of Business Solutions, or Chairperson of the Board of Directors and the second signature to be that of one of the following, so long as it is not the same as the first signature: Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, Director of Housing Lending, Director of Business Solutions, Chairperson of the Board of Directors, Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors, or Chief Legal Officer; excepting the accounts designated “Contractor’s Disbursement Account” and “PHRP Disbursement Account” and the “HOME Disbursement Account” which shall require only one signature to be one of the following: Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, Director of Housing Lending, or Director of Business Solutions”.

8. Amendment of Signers for all URA Documents:

RESOLUTION NO. 256 (2020)

RESOLVED: That Resolution No. 451 (2018) is hereby amended, to remove the Chief Financial Officer as an authorized signatory of all URA’s documents, to add the Director of Business Solutions and Assistant Director of Finance as an authorized signatories of all URA’s documents; and, with respect to all prior authorizations which permitted the Deputy Executive Director of Finance and Operations to execute documents on behalf of the Authority, such authorizations shall now be deemed to authorize execution by the Deputy Executive Director.

9. Amendment of URA Authorization Memos for contracts signers (under $10,000 and under $20,000).

RESOLUTION NO. 257 (2020)

RESOLVED: That Resolution No. 238 (2017), as amended by Resolution No. 42 (2020), is hereby amended to remove the Chief Financial Officer as an authorized party, and to add the Director of Commercial Lending, Director of Business Solutions and/or the Assistant Director of Finance to
execute contracts and agreements for amounts not to exceed $10,000.00, (a) upon supporting documentation establishing that: (i) all laws and regulations have been fully complied with in selecting the contracting party, including applicable competitive bidding procedures; (ii) the contracting party is qualified legally and experientially to perform the contract/agreement; (iii) the compensation to be paid to the contracting party is fair, reasonable, and competitive; and (iv) it is in the best interests of the Authority to enter into the contract/agreement, and (b) upon legal review.

RESOLUTION NO. 258 (2020)

RESOLVED: That Resolution No. 239 (2017), as amended by Resolution No. 43 (2020), is hereby amended, is hereby amended, is hereby amended to remove the Chief Financial Officer as an authorized party, and to add the Director of Commercial Lending, Director of Business Solutions and/or the Assistant Director of Finance to execute contracts to execute contracts and agreements for amounts not to exceed $20,000.00, (a) upon supporting documentation establishing that: (i) all laws and regulations have been fully complied with in selecting the contracting party, including applicable competitive bidding procedures; (ii) the contracting party is qualified legally and experientially to perform the contract/agreement; (iii) the compensation to be paid to the contracting party is fair, reasonable, and competitive; and (iv) it is in the best interests of the Authority to enter into the contract/agreement, and (b) upon legal review.

10. Amendment of Agreement with Maher Duessel for an increase of $50,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 259 (2020)

RESOLVED: That amendment of an Agreement with Maher Duessel, for an increase of up to $50,000, is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and/or Business Solutions Director, on behalf of the Authority, is hereby authorized to execute an amendment therefor, and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary is authorized to attest the same and affix the seal of the Authority thereto.

11. Certificate of Completion for El-Gar Rehab, Inc. for Parcel B-48 a/k/a Block 84-D-137A and previously designated as Block 84-D, Lot 209, etc., in the 11th Ward (residential development – 338 Enright Court).

RESOLUTION NO. 260 (2020)

RESOLVED: That issuance of a Certificate of Completion to El-Gar Rehab, Inc. for Parcel B-48 a/k/a Block 84-D-137A and previously designated as Block 84-D, Lot 209, etc., in the 11th Ward, and return of the Good Faith Deposit (residential development – 338 Enright Court). are hereby approved and the Executive Director or the Director of Finance/and or Business Solutions Director, on behalf of the Authority, is hereby authorized to execute said Certificate of
Completion, and the Secretary or the Assistant Secretary is authorized to attest same and affix the seal of the Authority thereto.

12. Larimer – PHDC/LCG Housing Development

   a. Acquisition of the following publicly owned properties for $1.00 plus costs using Strategic Site Acquisition funds:

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RESOLUTION NO. 261 (2020)

RESOLVED: That the acquisition of the following publicly owned properties for $1.00 plus cost, payable from Strategic Site Acquisition funds, is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and/or Business Solutions Director, on behalf of the Authority, is authorized to execute all documents required for said acquisition, and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary is authorized to attest the same and affix the seal of the Authority thereto:

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13. Central Business District – First Avenue

   a. Conveyance by quit claim deed of Block 2-J, Lot 261, in the 1st Ward, to DIV 620 Second Avenue LLC, for $1.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 262 (2020)

RESOLVED: That the conveyance of Block 2-J, Lot 261, in the 1st Ward, to DIV 620 Second Avenue LLC, for $1.00 plus costs is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, and/or Business Solutions Director, on behalf of the Authority, is authorized to take any and all actions and execute such documents as are necessary to effectuate the terms of the conveyance, and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary is authorized to attest the same and affix the seal of the Authority thereto.
14. Authorization to submit a response to Arctaris Impact Investors, LLC’s $25M Place-Based Opportunity Zone Investment Initiative RFP.

RESOLUTION NO. 263 (2020)

RESOLVED: That submission of a response to Arctaris Impact Investors, LLC’s $25M Place-Based Opportunity Zone Investment Initiative RFP is hereby approved.

15. Administrative – Pittsburgh Housing Development Corporation

   a. Reappointment of Jerome Jackson, to the Board of Pittsburgh Housing Development Corporation (3-year term).

   Pittsburgh Housing Development Corporation (PHDC) is the not for profit 501 (c) 3 housing development affiliate of the Authority. PHDC is governed by a Board of Directors appointed by the Authority Board. Authorization is requested to make the following reappointment:

   Appointment: Jerome Jackson
   Executive Director
   Operation Better Block
   (3-year term)

RESOLUTION NO. 264 (2020)

RESOLVED: That the reappointment of the following individual to the Board of Pittsburgh Housing Development Corporation is hereby approved:

   Jerome Jackson
   Executive Director
   Operation Better Block
   (3-year term)

16. Authorization to enter into a professional services contract with Econsult Solutions, Inc., in an amount not to exceed $67,500.

   a. Authorization to accept funds from the Hillman Foundation and the Richard King Mellon Foundation, in an amount not to exceed $67,500, to be utilized to pay the costs of the professional services contract with Econsult Solutions, Inc.
RESOLUTION NO. 265 (2020)

RESOLVED: That an agreement with Econsult Solutions, Inc., for an amount not to exceed $67,500, is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and/or Business Solutions Director, on behalf of the Authority, is authorized to execute an agreement therefor, and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary is authorized to attest the same and affix the seal of the Authority thereto.

RESOLUTION NO. 266 (2020)

RESOLVED: That the acceptance of funds from the Hillman Foundation and the Richard King Mellon Foundation, in an amount not to exceed $67,500, to be utilized to pay the costs of the professional services contract with Econsult Solutions, Inc., is hereby approved.

There being no further actions to come before the Members, the Meeting was adjourned.

Theresa Schacht  
Assistant Secretary
Name: Megan Confer-Hammond

Comment: The Fair Housing Partnership applauds the City’s and URA’s support and investment into affordable housing. FHP asks that the decision-makers differentiate between affordable and fair housing. The rising tide does not in fact lift all boats. As a result, accounting for inequity within housing development and housing programming is critical so as not to deepen those inequities. For example, the Director’s Reports for the funding requests lists several project details such as “Total URA Financing” and “Program Benefit.” Such an identifier can be made for “Fair Housing Impact.” Frankly, the data of inequity within the City is stark and undeniable. Addressing inequities requires conscientious and deliberate decision-making. For example, 91.8% of the City’s housing stock is not jurisdictional to the Fair Housing Act’s Design & Construction requirements. Continued development of housing that is legally exempt from Design & Construction such as townhouses deepens the City’s widespread inaccessibility to people with disabilities. Thank you.

Name: Celeste Scott

Comment:
Good afternoon,

My name is Celeste Scott, I am the Housing Justice Organizer of Pittsburgh United.

The Housing Opportunity Fund is a critical vehicle to ensure that urgently needed resources are available to ensure all Pittsburghers have safe, accessible, sustainable, affordable housing.

Our housing table is comprised of over 40 organizations and individuals, including residents citywide, attorneys, CDCs, neighborhood community groups, grassroots activists, practitioners, and more. These organizations and individuals have been working tirelessly to win and implement this Fund. With COVID-19, that work has increased a hundred-fold, but we continue on.

We thank the many residents who continue to believe in us, share their stories with us, and hope we can continue to have an open dialogue about solutions and creative ways to abate the urgent housing crisis happening in our city that has been exacerbated by COVID-19.
Below are some updated concerns we continue to hear about from advocates and community members:

Regarding wait times for the HOF Housing Stabilization Program both Covid 19 and standard program, have times for the Housing Stabilization Program gotten any better since the program simplified its application and added providers?

Wait times as of 2-3 months ago, were noted as follows from filing of the application:

- 3-4 weeks for a denial or request for more information
- 3-4 weeks more for an approval
- 1 week for payment to the landlord

Regarding the HOF Allocation Plan 2021 Advisory Board special meeting on 8/24/20 at 3pm, we are concerned that this meeting will not be open to the public.

Regarding the proposed Monthly Stakeholder Meeting convened by PCRG, has there been any movement on scheduling?

Is there a timeline on affirmatively Securing Data sharing agreement with CMU Create Lab?

We are concerned that public access to Advisory Board meetings is being limited. We understand that the HOF Advisory Board needs to meet urgently to discuss how it can best address the housing crisis that is being exacerbated by this pandemic, but community members continue to request access and deserve to engage and be present at these meetings also.

We want to thank HOF Advisory Board members who have continued to be committed to increasing meaningful dialogue with our table and the community.

In May, we submitted a letter outlining requests for data and reports that the Advisory Board and public should have access to in order to evaluate and improve the operation and service of the fund. We respectfully request a timeline for when that information will be made available.

I do want to acknowledge the improved communication, public education, and creativity in problem solving that Jeremy, Vethina, and Breanna have exhibited.

We are excited to continue to support and work with the four Community Ambassador Engagement Organizations and Adrienne Walnhoa.

We have all seen how this Fund can work and create real change when we all are on the same page working together as advocates, HOF staff, Advisory Board, and Governing Board to get resources to those the Fund was intended to assist.
We have always approached working through barriers and obstacles with a spirit of collaboration and forward movement in service of the many lives this Fund was intended to tangibly improve.

Accountability and transparency benefits everyone, especially those in more need now than ever of this Fund.

We continue to ask that these concerns be addressed with the urgency that this moment demands.

The Housing Opportunity Fund is a critical vehicle to ensure that urgently needed resources are available and being deployed equitably to those most impacted and experiencing housing issues during this time.

Our coalition and the myriad of multi-sector organizations and individuals whom we are honored to continue to name as active participants in the implementation and execution of the HOF, are extremely interested in meaningfully participating in all processes and ensuring that the public has access to all necessary information to inform how they interact proactively with the HOF that many of us fought so valiantly for.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Comment: Are the URA and Housing Opportunity Fund working with the City Real Estate Division and City Land Bank on possible strategies to put vacant, publicly owned property to use for equitable, affordable housing, particularly for marginalized communities and populations? If so, what are they doing? If they are not, then what are the reasons therefore?