

**MINUTES
AMSTERDAM URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
MEETING 7 OF OCTOBER 2015
CITY HALL
URA OFFICES**

Board Members:

Chairman Robert Martin
Michael LaCoppola
Irene Collins

ABSENT:

Mayor Ann Thane
Chris Schuttig
Lisa Choat
Anthony Pallotta

Staff:

Nicholas Zabawsky
Anne DeGroff

Others:

1. Meeting called to order at 6: 50 PM by Chairman Robert Martin.
2. Mr. La Coppola made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 9, 2015 meeting and this motion was seconded by Ms. Collins.
3. Chairman's Report Mr. Martin brought the Board up to date on Land Bank projects. We are currently in limbo waiting for in rem foreclosure by the City.
4. Finance Report Mr. Zabawsky reviewed the cash report and loan report. The agency also had an annual audit report completed, which was discussed with the Board. There were no findings.
5. Report of Grants and Projects: A report on all open grants was distributed to the Board. Mr. Zabawsky provided up detail on grants which are currently active. Highlights included: CDBG 13 housing grant is down to last home being rehabilitated; there will be a pre construction meeting on Thursday, Oct. 8 for the 2014 CDBG grant for sewer system; the CDBG 13 sewer grant is 90% complete and will be completed this fall .
6. New Business
 - a. New grant applications have been submitted. One grant would be a \$400,000 CDBG grant for housing rehabilitation in the Grand Street area. The 2nd grant applied for would aid in the sewer system. The City is going to be required to chlorinate effluent from the wastewater treatment plant, and a DEC WQIP grant would pay 80% of the cost. A third grant of \$5 million, if approved, would provide a wide range of upgrades to the sewer system and the sewer pump stations We should be finding out by late December if these grants have been approved.
 - b. Mr. Zabawsky also handed out a Conflict of Interest Policy and reviewed it with the Board. On a motion by Mr. LaCoppola and seconded by Ms. Collins, the Policy was approved as presented. The status of Board member training as required by the ABO, and other ABO reporting were discussed. Mr. Zabawsky advised the Board that a PAAA compliance manual had been posted on the Agency's website.
7. Adjournment On a motion made by Mr. LaCoppola and seconded by Ms. Collins the meeting was adjourned at 7:18PM. All in favor.