

**MINUTES
AMSTERDAM URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2014
CITY HALL
URA OFFICES**

Board Members

Chairman Robert Martin
Michael La Coppola
Anthony Pallotta
Irene Collins
Chris Schuttig

Absent

Mayor Ann Thane
Alderman Beekman
Karin Hetrick (Excused)

Staff:

Nick Zabawsky, Consultant
Anne DeGross

1. **Meeting** called to order at 6: 30 PM by Chairman Bob Martin.
2. **Minutes** of the July 30, 2014 meeting were accepted on a motion made by Mr. Pallotta and seconded by Mr. LaCoppola and approved by all.
3. **Chairman's Report** Chairman Martin noted plans were moving forward with a joint project between the Land Bank, AURA and the Housing authority to renovate the 8 units at 131-133 Guy Park Ave which will be partially funded by the new HOME grant recently received by City of Amsterdam and will be administered through AURA. An inspection needs to be done by the City to ensure it is structurally sound before proceeding. He also spoke about the Land Grant program and indicated that 35 Julia Street should be completed early January and be on the market in early spring 2015.
4. **Finance Report** was presented by Mr. Zabawsky which included the cash report and loan report. Following some discussion regarding a delinquent loan, the Board decided to have AURA talk to Attorney Salmon about pursuing this loan as well as the foreclosure at 47 Florida Avenue.
5. **Report of Grants and Projects** was presented by Mr. Zabawsky who reviewed the highlights of four new grants just awarded totaling 2.2 million. These included a \$400,000 HOME grant for housing rehabilitation of rental properties, a \$600,000 Community Development Block Grant for sewer system improvements Phase 5, \$224,000 from NYS Parks and Recreation for City Hall renovations, \$325,000 from the Department of State for the Mohawk Valley Gateway Overlook, and \$562,000 in Land Bank funding through the NYS Attorney General Community Revitalization Initiative.
6. **Old Business** – There was no old business to discuss.
7. **New Business**
 - a. **New Grants** were previously reviewed above
 - b. **PAAA Compliance** – Board members were presented with annual evaluation forms to fill out and return to the Agency, and discussion was held regarding training requirements for new Board members under the Public Authority Accountability Act. Nick Zabawsky explained that the Agency has a PAAA Compliance Manual, which is posted on the Agency's website. .

8. **Meeting adjourned** at 7:30 PM and the next meeting will take place in February for an Annual Meeting and election of officers.

Respectfully submitted

Anne DeGroff