

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF YORK

August 7, 2024

The meeting was held Wednesday, August 7, 2024 for the Redevelopment Authority of the County of York, commencing at 8:00 a.m. The meeting was conducted in the Hanover Borough Council Chambers located at 44 Frederick St Hanover, PA 17331.

The following Authority members were in attendance representing a quorum:

Tom Englerth	Joe Mula
Heidi Hormel	Jose Santiago

Also, in attendance were guests AJ Grimm, Director of Public Works at Hanover Borough; Sarah Messer, President of the Hanover Chamber; Moriah Tyler, Executive Director of Main Street Hanover; Ron Hershner, Legal Counsel; and the following members of the York County Economic Alliance, Silas Chamberlin, Chief Strategy Officer; Kim Hogeman, Assistant Vice President, Economic & Community Development; and Marlena Schugt, BLOOM Program Manager.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tom Englerth called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., verified each Board member could hear and be heard by all others and noted that a quorum was present.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Members of the public were invited to submit comments in advance and were offered opportunity to comment at this time. There were no comments from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Englerth reviewed the consent agenda items: RACY Meeting Minutes for the June 2024 meeting and RACY Financial Statements for May, June 2024. On a motion by Ms. Heidi Hormel, properly seconded by Mr. Jose Santiago, a vote was conducted by roll call, and the Board approved the consent agenda unanimously as presented.

HANOVER UPDATES

Mr. AJ Grimm, of Hanover Borough, shared the following updates regarding Hanover Borough

- Borough operations will be moving to an updated, larger facility at 33 Frederick St and the current space, 44 Federick St, will be renovated to become a police station with emergency services.
- Borough was approved for an Automated Red Light Enforcement Transportation Enhancements Grant for the reconfiguration of traffic lights in the square to ease congestion and improve pedestrian experience. They also received a Green Light Go Grant to improve the traffic lights on Eisenhower Dr and are currently working on a study with the County of York for the Eisenhower/Broadway intersection
- Borough recently completed 3 park projects to update equipment and ADA compliance

Ms. Sarah Messer, of Hanover Chamber, shared they received the EPA Communities Change Grant in partnership with Hanover Borough for a street scaping project.

Ms. Moriah Tyler, of Main Street Hanover, shared they are revamping 2nd Saturdays and will hold them monthly in 2025 to promote foot traffic downtown. A walking map to explore businesses and attractions on 2nd Saturdays will also be created.

US DOT RAISE GRANT

Dr. Silas Chamberlin shared the following updates regarding the Codorus Greenway Project

- Awarded a \$15 million US DOT RAISE Grant
- Completed the removal of the bascule gate dam
- Submitted the permit package to the Army Corp. of Engineers earlier this year and is awaiting comments
- Currently working with the City of York on plans to replace Market St bridge
- Ms. Kim Hogeman is working on obtaining documentation to show ownership of land around the creek per PennDOT's request

2024 STATE BUDGET UPDATE

Dr. Silas Chamberlin shared an overview of the state budget including the following allocations and more:

- \$300 million for RACP
- \$400 million allocated for PA Sites, a funding program to prepare sites for redevelopment
- \$50 million for multimodal transportation funding
- \$50 million for CFA small water & sewer
- \$20 million for Main Street Matters, funding directly to main streets
- Additional Keystone Communities funding
- City Revitalization Investment Zone funding increased, zones where state-collected taxes would stay locally to provide investments within the zone
 - A local example is the Lancaster City Alliance which uses the funds to provides small business loans & investments in infrastructure
- \$10 million for ag innovation

LAND BANK, BPRC, IDA UPDATES

Ms. Hogeman shared YCLBA has an active demolition grant program for blighted properties and awards grants on a quarterly basis.

Ms. Hogeman shared BPRC moves properties through the legal process of designating blight to allow the municipality to receive control of the property. There is currently one property in Dallastown that is very early on in this process.

YCEA's newest staff member, Mr. Shilvosky Buffaloe, will be supporting both initiatives to increase capacity and move their strategic plan forward.

Ms. Hogeman shared the YCIDA is seeking a tenant for the lower-level restaurant at the Yorktowne Hotel. The Zion Church, Ball Park Commons, and Post Office on S George projects are ongoing and seek to bid construction in 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Hogeman shared a memo regarding Federal EPA Brownfield Funding that noted it is a community assessment grant for which YCEA & RACY has applied many times but only been awarded in 2006. YCEA & RACY seek to apply for coalition funding this year by bringing together partners to plan the cleanup and reuse of brownfield sites. Staff is preparing the application and contracting a consultant later this year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Silas Chamberlin".

Silas Chamberlin

Executive Director, RACY