

MINUTES  
STEEL RIVERS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
MAY 5, 2022

The SRCOG Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:31pm on May 5, 2022 by Board President, Tammy Firda.

**Those Present Included**

Braddock Hills: T. Evans, J. Brown  
Clairton: E. Hatchett  
Dravosburg:  
Duquesne: E. Washington, R. Adams  
Elizabeth:  
Forward: A. Cline  
Glassport: E. Skiba, A. Colecchi  
Homestead: D. Shulte  
Liberty:

Lincoln: T. Firda  
McKeesport: T. Maglicco  
Munhall: R. Brennan  
Port Vue: D. Thomas  
S. Versailles:  
Versailles: J. Sheedy, L. Sheedy  
W. Elizabeth: J. Isaacs, C. Welty  
W. Homestead:  
Whitaker: A. Race, R. Lassige  
White Oak:

**Welcoming Remarks**

T. Firda reminded members to RSVP.

**Guest Speaker**

T. Firda welcomed Kate Vander Wiede, Crisis Prevention and Response Project Manager of the Allegheny County Department of Human Services to speak about Allegheny County DHS Crisis Prevention and Response, an alternative response pilot implementation.

**Public Comments**

None

**Minutes**

A **motion** was made by A. Cline and seconded by T. Evans to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of March 31, 2022. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** A. Lewis

A **motion** was made by T. Maglicco and seconded by D. Schulte to approve the Cash Statement for April 2022 and the List of Bills as dated. All in favor. Motion carried.

A Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual report was provided to members.

RAD Report updates were provided to members.

**President's Report:** Tammy Firda

**Fire Department Associate Membership Discussion**

T. Firda explained that she had spoken with fire departments recently about grant writing and learned they are looking to pay for those services. Inquired about a possible associate membership or fee schedule. A. Lewis to discuss with F. Muscante to see if possible.

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SRCOG Training Complex Update

T. Firda informed members that there will be a meeting at the Regional Training Complex on Thursday, May 12 at 11:30am to discuss the lease which is expiring in 2025. Allegheny County Council was invited and any support for the range by members would be greatly appreciated.

A. Lewis explained that the Allegheny County Parks Department commissioned a planning study to determine if the range can coexist in the current space with the addition of a disc golf course and dog park.

US Steel and Board of Health Meeting Update

T. Firda informed members that there will be a meeting concerning the potential US Steel Mill closure on Wednesday, May 11 at 6pm in the Clairton Municipal Building. Asked that those who would like to speak on behalf of the mill to let her know so she can sign them up.

Allegheny County Clean Air Fund Applications

T. Firda informed members that the Allegheny County Clean Air Fund is now accepting applications. Municipalities with projects are advised to get in touch with SRCOG staff for help with grant writing, etc.

Allegheny County Emergency Services Radio Project

The consolidation of radio channels has been put on hold temporarily. T. Firda suggested all those affected attend the meeting on Wednesday, May 25 at the Palisades.

Solicitor's Report/Resolutions: Falco Muscante

A **motion** was made by J. Brown and seconded by E. Skiba to approve Resolution #7/2022R, authorizing the Steel Rivers Council of Governments to enter into contract with Jet Jack Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$186,642.00 for the Sanitary Sewer Replacement project for the Clairton Municipal Authority. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by D. Thomas and seconded by T. Maglicco to approve Resolution #8/2022R, authorizing the filing applications by Steel Rivers Council of Governments for Allegheny County Act 152 Blight Removal Program Grant Funds with the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development on behalf of SRCOG Municipalities; request Act 152 funds totaling \$1,107,750.00 for projects identified in Attachment A. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by T. Maglicco and seconded by E. Washington to approve Resolution #9/2022R, authorizing the filing of an application for funds in the amount of \$250,000.00 with the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County for the Riverfront Walking Trail project in Elizabeth Borough. All in favor. Motion carried.

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**Director's Report:** An Lewis  
Human Service Center

Reading Ready Pittsburgh inquired about renting Room 207, which has been vacant since TCV MH/MR moved their programming 6-7 years ago. A. Lewis would like to rent the room on the same lease schedule as the existing HSC leases.

A **motion** was made by T. Maglicco and seconded by J. Brown to authorize A. Lewis to enter into a 14-month lease with Reading Ready Pittsburgh for the use of Room 207 beginning May 15, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. All in favor. Motion carried.

A. Lewis explained that Baker Music School is looking for space to host a one-week music camp for kids ages 6-11 in June. Discussion ensued and the board and solicitor agreed that it would be best to not move forward with this for-profit business.

**Interns**

A. Lewis explained that there's an international student graduating with an opportunity to stay in the US and extend her Visa. Staff agreed that there are plenty of mapping and other projects that could help both SRCOG and TCLB.

A **motion** was made by A. Race and seconded by E. Skiba to authorize A. Lewis to hire a 2<sup>nd</sup> intern at a rate of \$12/hour for the period of June 1, 2022 to May 27, 2023, with costs to be shared with the Tri-COG Land Bank. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Port Authority**

A. Lewis explained that The Port Authority will be submitting an application to the Federal Transit Administration's 2022 Bus & Bus Facilities Program, seeking \$11,200,000, which is 80% of the total project cost of \$14,000,000. The project will involve replacement of the existing cross-draft vehicle paint booth, two service lane upgrades, and modifications to the existing HVAC Shop to install a new three post in-ground lift system. A. Lewis would like to send a letter of support and urged all members to do the same.

A **motion** was made by A. Race and seconded by T. Maglicco to authorize A. Lewis to issue a letter of support for the Port Authority's application to the Federal Transit Administration's 2022 Bus & Bus Facilities Program. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Community Development Report:** Grace Schierberl

A CD report of all current projects was provided to all members.

G. Schierberl explained that Act 152 contracts from the first round of funding will be arriving soon and she will be reaching out to municipalities with funded projects for signatures. For the most recent grant period, 10 applications were received.

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A. Lewis explained that an application for violence prevention programming in Clairton, Duquesne, Homestead and McKeesport requesting \$1.3-\$1.4 million per year is in the works to be submitted.

**Meeting Schedule**

Meeting Date	Location
June 2, 2022	HOMESTEAD BOROUGH
September 1, 2022	SRCOG
October 6, 2022	VERSAILLES BOROUGH
November 3, 2022	SRCOG
December 1, 2022	HOLIDAY DINNER

**T. Firda, Lincoln**

Explained that she's been struggling with hanging wires and other issues with utility companies and would be writing a letter to raise the issue with the utility companies and PUC. Asked all other members to consider doing the same.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:58pm on a **motion** made by R. Lassige and seconded by E. Hatchett. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
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Kayla Geary

  
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An Lewis, Executive Director