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STEEL RIVERS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MARCH 7, 2024

The SRCOG Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:33pm on March 7, 2024 by Board President, Tammy Firda.

Those Present Included

Braddock Hills: T. Evans, J. Brown	Lincoln: T. Firda
Clairton: E. Hatchett	McKeesport:
Dravosburg: B. Snodgrass	Munhall: R. Fry
Duquesne:	Port Vue: D. Thomas, K. Hresko
Elizabeth	S. Versailles: R. Lawson
Forward: A. Cline	Versailles:
Glassport: A. Colecchi	W. Elizabeth:
Homestead: D. Schulte	W. Homestead: B. Ferson
Liberty:	Whitaker:
	White Oak: A. DePaulis

Welcoming Remarks

Welcome to guests, Carrie Mihalko and Anita Prizio of Steel Valley Authority.

Public Comments

None.

Guest Speakers

Carrie Mihalko and Anita Prizio of Steel Valley Authority present their organization and Board members have a chance to discuss their offerings.

Minutes

A motion was made by R. Lawson and seconded by A. Cline to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of February 1, 2024. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: A. Lewis

A motion was made by D. Thomas and seconded by A. Colecchi to approve the Cash Statement for January 2024 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 reports were also provided to members.

President's Report: Tammy Firda

All In Allegheny

T. Firda informed the Board that she and other Board members attended a meeting with all departments of Allegheny County to discuss the needs of the Mon Valley. A. Colecchi and A. Cline agreed that the meeting was very positive and included helpful discussions.

US Steel

T. Firda informed the Board that she attended a meeting about the potential sale of US Steel to Nippon Steel. The Board discussed what this would mean to the Mon Valley and what could be

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done in this situation. A. Lewis explained that SRCOG's role is to have a unified voice and send a letter to Federal Officials outlining the needs of the Mon Valley: to keep the mills open and to update the technology used so that the current pollution rate decreases. Members agreed to sign letters stating these requests.

Solicitor's Report: Falco Muscante

A **motion** was made by D. Schulte and seconded by E. Hatchett to approve Resolution #6/2024R, authorizing the Steel Rivers Council of Governments to enter into contract with El Grande Industries for an amount not to exceed \$44,835.00 for the Street Reconstruction Project located in Elizabeth Borough. All in favor. Motion carried.

Director's Report: An Lewis

Community and Economic Development Program

A. Lewis explained the possibility of establishing a new nonprofit entity that would be controlled by SRCOG and TCVCOG in order to negotiate with other businesses outside of the public space. The Board discussed why this is necessary and how it would be managed.

A **motion** was made by A. Colecchi and seconded by J. Brown to authorize An Lewis to formally begin a feasibility study for establishing a Community and Economic Development Program within SRCOG that is shared with TCVCOG which would include (1) the execution of a MOU with TCVCOG, (2) the submission of applications for funding to support the program, and (3) to work with the solicitor to set up a supporting nonprofit organization to perform specific tasks related to projects that would be undertaken by that program, pending legal review. All in favor. Motion carried.

HSC Tenants

A **motion** was made by E. Hatchett and seconded by B. Snodgrass to amend GAP's current lease to remove the requirement for a landline phone for security door access. All in favor. Motion carried.

Personnel

A **motion** was made by E. Hatchett and seconded by R. Fry to authorize A. Lewis to rescind the COVID policy. All in favor. Motion carried.

A. Lewis informed the Board that Grace Schierberl will be leaving at the end of the month. She also informed the Board that Emily Woodard resigned and is no longer with the organization. A. Lewis announced that Kayla Geahry will be transitioning to the Real Estate Marketing Manager position, which will be primarily TCLB focused. She informed the Board that Kayla will stay in her current position until it is filled, but it will be split into two positions: Office Coordinator and Finance Director.

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A. Lewis informed the Board that Ed Nusser will be leaving the City of Bridges Community Land Trust and the organization and would like to retain Alan Sisco to function as a part-time interim Executive Director for 12-15 hours per week.

A **motion** was made by T. Evans and seconded by A. Colecchi to authorize A. Lewis to negotiate a staffing agreement with the City of Bridges Community Land Trust, pending final legal approval. All in favor. Motion carried.

ACHD Environmental Justice Government-to-Government Grant

A. Lewis informed the Board that there is currently an opportunity to receive funding from Allegheny County to advance and achieve climate resiliency strategies. More information about these grants will be given at the Manager's Meeting.

Annual Dinner

A. Lewis informed the Board that the SRCOG Annual Dinner will be held on March 28, 2024 at The Georgetown Centre. She asked that all RSVPs please be sent back ASAP.

Community Development Report: A. Lewis

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

Meeting Schedule

The next meeting will be held on March 28, 2024 at The Georgetown Centre.

Meeting Date	Location
March 28, 2024	ANNUAL DINNER – The Georgetown Centre
May 2, 2024	WEST ELIZABETH BOROUGH
June 6, 2024	TBD
September 5, 2024	GLASSPORT BOROUGH
October 3, 2024	TBD
November 7, 2024	TBD
December 5, 2024	TBD

Community Reports/Discussion

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:32pm on a **motion** made by D. Thomas and seconded by A. Colecchi. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:


K. Geahry


An Lewis, Executive Director