



**CUYAHOGA COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION**  
**MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS'**  
**REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING OF**  
**June 30, 2023**

**LOCATION:** Caxton Building  
812 Huron Road E., Suite 830  
Cleveland, OH 44115

**DATE/TIME:** June 30, 2023; 10:00 A.M. ET

**PURPOSE:** Regular quarterly meeting to consider the following business:

1. *Call to order by the Chair.* The regular quarterly meeting of the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation (the "CCLRC") was held June 30, 2023, at 812 Huron Road, E., Suite 830, Cleveland, Ohio and called to order at 10:04 a.m. A quorum of the Board was present: Chairman Brad Sellers, Michael King, Representative of Cuyahoga County Council President Pernel Jones, Jr., Lisa Rocco, Interim Treasurer of Cuyahoga County, Sally Martin O'Toole, City of Cleveland, Nathan Kelly, April Urban, and Mayor Anthony Biasiotta were present.

2. *Approval of the Minutes of the March 31, 2023 regular quarterly meeting.* The minutes of the March 31, 2023, meeting were distributed to the Board for review prior to the meeting. A motion for approval of the minutes was made by Michael King, seconded by Director Martin O'Toole, and approved by voice vote without objection.

4. *Staff Reports:*

o President's Report:

- Litigation: The litigation surrounding the direct transfer question was sent to the Federal Sixth Circuit; also heard in the Federal Eighth Circuit which then made it to the United States Supreme Court. The United States Supreme Court's ruling was not favorable. Ohio legislation has been written to create a fix for land banks and direct transfers.
- Legislation: Mr. Frangos informed the Board that former SB112 will be re-introduced to legislators in Columbus.
- Contractor Update: A list of year-to-date expenditures of demolition contractors, field service providers and renovation and construction general contractors was distributed to the CCLRC board prior to the meeting. No contractors to date have exceeded the expenditure limits to require reporting to the Board.

o Mr. Ricardo León presented the Report of Chief Operating Officer:

- Production Report – As of May 31, 2023, the CCLRC has acquired a total of 13,430 properties. The CCLRC has disposed of 12,435 properties with 7,161 vacant lots being transferred to various municipal land banks in Cuyahoga County. The CCLRC is currently constructing 4 new homes; 3 in-house home renovations are completed and on the market for sale; and 24 deed-in-escrow homes are under contract with renovators. The CCLRC has demolished 129 structures since the March, 2023, Board meeting.
- Demolition Funding Report – Mr. León reported that the CCLRC is fifty percent (50%) through Round One of the Ohio Department of Development's demolition funds. The State of Ohio will soon pass the budget and the CCLRC will learn of what funding will be available for Round 2 of demolition funding. Mr. Frangos reported that land banks are the lead entities for receiving this funding along with being the lead entity under the Brownfield program. The Brownfield program has changed since the last round of funding was announced by the State of Ohio. Ms. Kimlin informed the Board that Greater Ohio Policy Center is lobbying for a change in the Brownfield funding to go back to the original language to allow other applicants not just land banks.

- Presentation of Finances – The financials statements year-to-date to July 31, 2023 were sent to the Board prior to the meeting and discussed at the meeting.
- CHP Program Report: A detailed report of the Cuyahoga County Housing Program (CHP) commitments and expenditures through June 30, 2023, was provided to the Board and discussed. The Board was informed that the CCLRC is working to identify projects and housing needs with various municipalities. To date, \$11 million in funding has been committed by the CCLRC for various projects with an additional \$2.5 million to be committed by year's end.
- Large Sites: The CCLRC is partnering with the City of Cleveland in developing a plan to identify and assist with large site development. The details of the partnership are being worked through with the goal of launching the initiative by Fall of 2023. This initiative is to be a 10-year plan. The CCLRC will bring on an additional staff member to assist with this initiative which position will be reimbursed by the City of Cleveland.
- Mr. León introduced Adam Stalder the new director of community stabilization for the CCLRC. Mr. Stalder will fill the position of Kim Kimlin who will be retiring at the end of July, 2023.
- Staffing: The CCLRC has been awarded funding by the Cleveland Foundation and Gund Foundation for the hiring of two staff: 1) Fund Development Manager and 2) Quantitative Analyst. These positions to be filled by the end of 2023.

*Mr. Kelly leaves the CCLRC Board meeting at 11:03 a.m.*

- Consulting Services: The CCLRC is in the process of hiring two consultants, one for economic development consulting for the East Cleveland project and the other consultant for assistance with the CCLRC strategic plan. Both consultants will be contracted for a six month period.

10. Other Business:

- Audit Update: The CCLRC has received a clean audit for 2022 and has been recognized in good standing for compliance under the Ohio sunshine law.
- East Cleveland Update – The Board was informed that the renovation of the Mickey's building is expected to be completed by year's end. A branding and marketing plan has been completed by Shark and Minnow. The CCLRC contracted with Seventh Hill for placemaking efforts in working with the East Cleveland community on reimagining and rebuilding the public spaces in East Cleveland. To date, \$125,000 has been granted for home repair work for residents in the CCLRC targeted area and continues to work with residents on connecting them with additional resources.

11. *Public Comment*: No public comment was presented at the CCLRC Board meeting.

12. *Adjournment*: There being no more business to come before the Board, Michael King moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Mayor Biasiotta and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:18 a.m.

**I hereby certify that the minutes related to the Board of Directors' regular quarterly meeting of June 30, 2023 set forth above are the minutes approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting of September 29, 2023.**



**Douglas Sawyer, Secretary  
Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation**