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GREATER MOHAWK VALLEY LAND BANK - GMVLB minutes from: Tuesday, June 28th, 2016 @ 1:00 PM

In Attendance:

*** Attended via Conference Call**

Tolga Morawski, Chair KMVB LBC

Dan Sullivan, KMVB Chair

*Brian Thomas, City of Utica, Comm. Urban & Economic Dev.

Lynn Gray, KMVB LBC

Sam Russo, KMVB LBC

*Karen Sullivan, Otsego County, Planning Dept.

Karl Gustafson, Montgomery County

Steve Smith, Herkimer County IDA

Meg Hungerford, City of Oneonta, Director of Finance

*Christina Brown, KMVB LBC

Audre Dunning, guest

Joe Winsman, Montgomery County Intern

Vince DeSantis, City of Gloversville

Janine Thompson, Administrative Director MVEDD

Tolga Morawski called the meeting to order @ 1:01 pm followed by an introduction of those present.

- The documents provided for the meeting were;
 - ❖ Agenda
 - ❖ Minutes from GMVLB meeting held Tuesday, June 7th, 2016
 - ❖ Sample Zone maps for identifying priority project areas
 - ❖ 2016 Monthly Municipality Meeting Schedule

- Tolga asked everyone to review the minutes from the previous meeting held in May and if there was any discussion. The minutes were approved on a motion made by Sam Russo, seconded by Dan Sullivan. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- Tolga asked that everyone review the Municipality meeting schedule and advise if there are any changes or updates so the we can make sure if we need to attend one, we will have it on the schedule. Any changes can be sent to Tolga or Janine.
- Discussion then proceeded on the progress of the Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank (GMVLB) effort since the last meeting.
 - Montgomery County was voting on their participation (resolution and Inter-municipal Agreement) tonight & Tolga will be attending the meeting.
 - Dan Sullivan stated that at the IGA Otsego meeting they had requested further information and that would be provided to them this week. And Dan felt strongly that it will accepted.

- Next Steps in the process via FGU's, NYS ESD, grant funding, etc.
 - For LISC Funding Application (up to \$17.3million) - each FGU now needs to focus on putting together their list of prospective areas of interest and/or projects that they want included in the application.
 - Ideally the properties should be shovel ready or close to it.
 - For the first round the main focus is on residential properties but could include some commercial properties on a case-by-case basis.
 - The applications will be due in August, so project lists should be compiled ASAP.
 - The LISC has also said they have set aside \$150,000 for the GMVLB for when we are officially operational. \$75,000 would be provided upon start-up and the remaining \$75,000 as needed. The funding has to be processed through an FGU approved unit and we will likely be going through Schoharie County.
 - Karen Sullivan wanted to know specifically what type of property that should get listed. Karl Gustafson spoke about the type of properties that Montgomery County is looking at. They looked at Fort Plain and where there are hardships or properties that were damaged by floods and where a need exists. They identified which properties that could turn over quickly, and which have critical mass in/all in the same neighborhood, etc.
 - Brian Thomas mentioned several areas in Utica that could be a focus for the City.
 - Vince, arrived meeting in-progress, and introduced himself as a City Council member from Gloversville. He also involved with the Gloversville Neighborhood Improvement Corporation, which is a local non-profit there that operates like a small land bank. They looked at areas where there might be a visible impact, which would also spark investment in traditionally overlooked areas of Gloversville. As Gloversville is not an FGU, they have to go through the Fulton County Board of Supervisors to propose the projects. Ken Gustafson offered his assistance if he could speak to someone in Fulton County to help encourage them to get on board with Land Bank effort.
 - Steve Smith mentioned areas in Ilion or Little Falls that might be of interest to Herkimer County
 - For Schoharie Co., Tolga will follow up with Steve Wilson
 - For the City of Rome, Tolga will follow up with Dennis Gillen

New Business:

- Everyone needs to work on bullet lists of ideas of properties that they feel they want added to the list. Send them to Tolga and at the next meeting we can review them
- Dan Sullivan to see if Bob Albrecht could assist with Little Falls for their list
- Need to see about getting on the Herkimer County legislative meeting schedule for a presentation. Their next meeting is 07/06 @ 2:00 pm. Dan Sullivan can attend. Janine to contact & see if we can get on the agenda
- Meg Hungerford will get in-touch with Karen Sullivan to see who should be contacted for them to meet with
- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 26th @ 1:00 pm @ the MVEDD office.

The meeting adjourned at 1:51pm.