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GREATER MOHAWK VALLEY LAND BANK - GMVLB **minutes from: Tuesday, August 23th, 2016 @ 1:00 PM**

In Attendance:

*** Attended via Conference Call**

Tolga Morawski, Chair KMVB Land Bank Committee
Dan Sullivan, KMVB Chair
Brian Thomas, City of Utica, Comm. Urban & Economic Dev.
Sam Russo, KMVB LBC
*Karen Sullivan, Otsego County Planning Dept.
*Tammie Harris, Otsego County Planning Dept.
*Karl Gustafson, Montgomery County
Steve Smith, Herkimer County IDA
*Steve Wilson, Schoharie County Administrator
*Margaret Kennedy, Otsego County
Mark Domenico, City of Rome, Director of Codes
Michael Brown, Exec. Director Rome Main Streets Alliance
Jim Bintz, Rome Main Streets
Joseph Caruso, Exec. Director MVEDD
Janine Thompson, Administrative Director MVEDD

Dan Sullivan called the meeting to order @ 1:02 pm followed by an introduction of those present.

- The documents provided for the meeting were;
 - ❖ Agenda
 - ❖ Minutes from GMVLB meeting held Tuesday, July 26th, 2016
 - ❖ GMVLB resolution formation draft v3
 - ❖ GMVLB Inter-municipal Agreement draft (v7)
- Tolga asked everyone to review the minutes from the previous meeting held on July 26th and if there was any discussion. The minutes were approved on a motion made by Steve Smith, seconded by Brian Thomas. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- Discussion then proceeded on the progress of the Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank (GMVLB) effort since the last meeting.
 - Passage of Resolution and IMA in Herkimer County 7/27. Completing LISC AmeriCorps Grant application 8/12 for 3 full-time staff members. We have applied for 3 and should definitely get approved for a minimum of 1 full-time staff person.
 - Productive meetings in both City of Rome (with Mayor Izzo) and City of Utica (with members of the City Council/Economic Development Committee)

Old Business cont:

- Next steps in the process via FGUs, NYS ESD, grant funding, etc.
 - Meeting with all FGUs committed to being part of the regional land bank to decide on the final form of the Inter-municipal agreement, which can then be signed onto by all parties.
 - Move to pass framing resolution (or to amend the prior resolution, as with Schoharie) for GMVLB in all FGUs.
- Document review and discussion
 - Resolution updated to follow Herkimer County's language
 - Inter-municipal Agreement (v7), representatives for Otsego County updated.
- Follow-up on plan for reporting back to Legislative Bodies of FGUs, scheduling meetings.
- CFA Grants; Applied for three, report from Fred Krone of GEMs pending
- Updates on \$17.3million funding round from AG's Office, RFP date still not firm.
 - Continue building project lists; everyone to report progress within their FGUs – Steve Wilson mentioned that Schoharie Co. currently has no projects
 - everyone needs to get their lists together so that by September 1st we can submit a draft
 - looking at each FGU's project list to be a total of at least \$500,000 up to \$1,000,000.
- Project Application form was handed out for anyone who wishes to use this as a guideline in outlining their project(s) (and also emailed to members)

New Business:

- Steve Smith discussed the program being sponsored by LGEC (Local Government Education Committee) on Zombie Properties & Land Banks. This is to be held on Tuesday, August 30th at the NYS Office Building in Utica. Mark Domenico, Dan Sullivan & Tolga Morawski will be the speakers.
- Steve Wilson also mentioned that Schoharie Area Long Term (aka SALT) will be doing a presentation on Zombie properties also and suggested that we may want to speak there also. He also invited us to present to the County's Planning Committee and Full Board in September to bring them up to speed on recent developments.
- Meetings are also coming up with Rome's mayor Izzo, Oneida County Executive Picente and the Utica Common Council.
- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20th @ 1:00 pm @ the MVEDD office.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.