

**City of Royal Oak
Rehabilitation Board of Appeals
Minutes of the regular meeting held on February 28, 2023**

A meeting of the Royal Oak Rehabilitation Board of Appeals was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, in Room 116, City Hall, 203 S. Troy St., Royal Oak MI 48067.

Present:

Commissioner Brandon Kolo
Eric Lofquist
James Foster
Carl Stone, Chairperson

Absent:

Mark Vanneste
Jon Randall, Vice Chairperson

Staff present:

Joseph Murphy, Director of Planning
Alexander Bahorski, Planner II
Susan Barkman, Assistant to the City Manager

Call to Order

Chairperson Stone called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Election of Officers

Moved by Mr. Lofquist
Supported by Mr. Foster

To re-elect Chairperson Stone as chairperson.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Kolo
Supported by Mr. Foster

To re-elect Mr. Randall as vice chairperson.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Public Comment

None.

Boards and Commissions Review Discussion

Ms. Barkman solicited comments from the Board members regarding their experiences while serving on the Rehabilitation Board of Appeals.

The members of the Board provided feedback regarding their experiences.

Approval of Minutes for January 24, 2023

Moved by Commissioner Kolo
Supported by Chairperson Stone

To approve the minutes of January 24, 2023, meeting as presented.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Case No. 2882

Mr. Bahorski stated that the applicant is seeking a \$15,000 loan forgivable in equal shared over ten years. The applicant maintains a primary mortgage. Approval of the city's forgivable loan will result in a secondary mortgage. Together, the sum of the total of the loan amounts exceeds the estimated value of the property. The board was reminded of the risk associated with issuance of the full forgivable loan amount. Program procedures allow loan applicants to appeal the decision of the loan review committee to the rehabilitation board of appeals.

The Board discussed the request with the homeowner.

Moved by Mr. Lofquist
Supported by Mr. Foster

To approve a \$15,000 loan to conduct repairs to the single-family property.

Motion adopted unanimously.

**Review of Applications for Program Year 2023 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)
Community Development Block Grant Funding**

Mr. Murphy provided an overview of the CDBG program. The board and staff discussed the applications in relation to the program's national objective and the city's housing, non-housing, and community development needs. Once the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) notifies the city of its CDBG allocation / funding amount, the board must hold a public hearing, discuss, and make a recommendation to the city commission. No action is required at this time.

Unfinished Business

None.



Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Lofquist
Supported by Mr. Foster

To adjourn the meeting.

Motion adopted unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



Carl Stone, Chairperson



Joseph M. Murphy, Director of Planning