



Responsible Employer Ordinance Monitoring Committee

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01108

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Regular Meeting

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Maureen Vear

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

2:00 PM

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order on May 18, 2021 at 2:00PM Via Zoom

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Melvin A. Edwards	Chairperson	Remote	
Timothy C. Allen	Ward 7 Councilor	Remote	
Lindsay B. Hackett	Management Analyst	Remote	
Fiore Grassetti		Remote	

II. Public Portion

1. Accept minutes of the April 20, 2021 meeting

III. Discussion/Review of ongoing projects

A. Review of REO Utilization form for the Month of April 2021

The Committee discussed the REO Utilization numbers. Hope Button stated it was a success. Chae Swan stated if not COVID-19 the numbers would have been much greater. Lack of work force, He stated he was very happy with General Contractor.

IV. Discussion with General Contractor if present

The Committee heard from Frank Amaro, Human Resource Dept of DOC Construction Company. He stated that Springfield should be very Happy. New Level achieved. The General Contractor built an alliance to be supportive to the Sub Contractor to reach their goals.

Fiore Grassetti stated the number of resident should have been reached.

Lindsay Hackett stated she appreciates all the work done by the General Contractor. Reaching 3 out of 4 is a success.

Frank Amaro, stated being familiar with the REO requirements for the good of the Community Economic projects. "Do right for the City".

He believes hiring workers from the beginning of the project to the completion. Hiring the correct workers, for each trade. Be ahead of the hiring process and not trying to fill after the fact.

V. Public Speak out - 10 Minutes

Lisa Clauson Appreciated all involved in the Economic Development. Charlie Payne Stated the best thing that the Project Executive did was to reach out a couple weeks prior to see if the Sub Contractor contacted him about the project. He stated he regularly spoke with the DOC. He also mentioned it was very difficult to find Veterans. Frank Amaro gave a special thank you to Lisa Clauson for the great job she did with helping them reach their goal. He stated she was very instrumental & very helpful.

Tim Allen stated the great progress that the Lincoln/Brightwood had. He was also glad the A representative from Fontaine Brothers was present. They will be doing the Deberry/Homer School. Mr. Allen would like to present new projects to the City Council. There will be (3) boiler project being done during the summer at Indian Orchard, Sumner Ave & Fredrick Harris Schools, only one project is an REO project. Hope Button stated when they met with the contractors at the pre-con meeting she mentioned that they should concentrate on meeting the numbers in case a change order is needed with the project.

Lindsay Hackett spoke about having the ability to reach out to the community and make them aware of the opportunities available. Melvin stated that he along with Councilor Williams and Tim Sheehan met and discussed the city funding a position for a mentor to facilitate city projects.

The next meeting will be June 15, 2021 @ 2PM Via Zoom.

VOTED: To adjourn

Motion carried by voting in favor Mr. Edwards

The Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary