

**City of Allen Park
Receivership Transition Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, January 25th, 2017

Allen Park City Hall

16630 Southfield Road - Suite 3100

Allen Park, Michigan 48101

RTAB MEMBERS PRESENT:

**SUZANNE SCHAFFER
KRISTINE BARANN
SCOTT LITES
FRED FRANK
MARK WOLLENWEBER**

ALSO PRESENT:

**PATRICK DOSTINE,
Michigan Department of Treasury**

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Called to order at 11:00 a.m.

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MS. SCHAFER: Okay I thought we would call the meeting to order. It's just shortly after 11:00. Patrick, can you do roll call for us?

MR. DOSTINE: Sure. Mark Wollenweber?

MR. WOLLENWEBER: Here.

MR. DOSTINE: Fred Frank?

MR. FRANK: Here.

MR. DOSTINE: Scott Lites?

MR. LITES: Here.

MR. DOSTINE: Kris Barann?

MS. BARANN: Here.

MR. DOSTINE: Suzanne Schafer?

MS. SCHAFER: Here.

MR. DOSTINE: We have quorum, Madam Chair.

MS. SCHAFER: Thank you. The next item on the agenda is the approval of the agenda. I will entertain a motion to accept the agenda as presented.

MR. WOLLENWEBER: So moved.

MS. BARANN: I'll support.

MS. SCHAFER: It's been moved and supported, any further questions, or discussion?

(No response)

1 MS. SCHAFER: Hearing none, all those in favor
2 of approving the agenda say aye. Aye.

3 MS. BARANN: Aye.

4 MR. LITES: Aye.

5 MR. WOLLENWEBER: Aye.

6 MR. FRANKS: Aye.

7 MS. SCHAFER: Opposed?

8 (No response)

9 MS. SCHAFER: Hearing none, we have approved the
10 agenda. Just a reminder, to the public, to sign up for
11 public comment; I believe the signup sheet is over by the
12 door.

13 Next item on the agenda is the approval of the
14 RTAB minutes from September 27th, 2016. Are there any
15 questions or discussion regarding the minutes?

16 (No response)

17 MS. SCHAEFER: If not, I'll entertain a motion
18 to approve the September 27th, 2016 RTAB draft minutes as
19 presented.

20 MR. LITES: So moved.

21 MS. BARANN: I'll support.

22 MS. SCHAEFER: It's been moved and supported,
23 any further questions, or discussion?

24 (No response)

25 MS. SCHAFER: Hearing none, all those in favor

1 of approving the September 27th, 2016, RTAB minutes, say
2 aye. Aye.

3 MS. BARANN: Aye.

4 MR. LITES: Aye.

5 MR. WOLLENWEBER: Aye.

6 MR. FRANKS: Aye.

7 MS. SCHAFER: Opposed?

8 (No response)

9 MS. SCHAFER: Hearing none, we have approved
10 the minutes for September 27th, 2016 RTAB minutes. Moving
11 on to old business, of which we have none, so we will go
12 right to the new business.

13 First item is resolution number 2017-1, a
14 recommendation from the deputy state treasurer.

15 And because of its content, I think I will take
16 the opportunity to read that resolution into the record.
17 It's recommending, Resolution 2017-1, recommending
18 termination of receivership.

19 The draft resolution presented to the board
20 today states:

21 "Whereas, Subsection 22(3)(b) of Public Act 436
22 of 2012, empowered the governor to appoint a
23 Receivership Transition Advisory Board in the City of
24 Allen Park, to monitor municipal affairs until the
25 conclusion of receivership; and

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Whereas, by the letter dated September 25, 2014, the governor appointed a Receivership Transition Advisory Board in the City Allen Park, and whereas, significant financial and operational progress has been made by the city, and

Whereas, it has been established to the satisfaction of the board that the causes of the city's financial emergency have been rectified in a substantial, " I'm sorry, "sustainable fashion. And whereas, for these and other reasons, the board has determined that it is appropriate to end receivership status in the city, as defined in Subsection 2(q) of the Act.

Now therefore, it is resolved, the Allen Park Receiver Transition -- Receivership Transition Advisory Board hereby recommends to the governor of the State of Michigan, that the city's current receivership status be terminated.

If this action is taken by the governor, this board would be dissolved and the city would successfully transition to complete local control. In witness whereof, the members of the Receivership Transition Advisory Board for the City of Allen Park have adopted this resolution."

So that is the draft resolution before the

1 board. Does the board have any questions or comments,
2 questions of Mr. Dostine, regarding the resolution? Any
3 discussion?

4 (No response)

5 MS. SCHAEFER: Okay, hearing no discussion, I
6 will entertain a motion to approve, deny, or postpone the
7 RTAB Resolution 2017-1.

8 MR. LITES: So moved.

9 MS. BARANN: Support.

10 MS. SCHAEFER: It's been moved and supported,
11 any further discussion or questions?

12 (No response)

13 MS. SCHAFER: Hearing none, all those in favor
14 of approving the RTAB Resolution 2017-1, which is a
15 recommendation to the deputy state treasurer to end
16 receivership, I'd say deputy state treasurer and/or
17 governor -- to end receivership, say aye. Aye.

18 MS. BARANN: Aye.

19 MR. LITES: Aye.

20 MR. WOLLENWEBER: Aye.

21 MR. FRANKS: Aye.

22 MS. SCHAFER: All those opposed?

23 (No response)

24 MS. SCHAFER: Hearing none, the board has
25 approved the resolution recommending termination of

1 receivership for the City of Allen Park. I guess at this
2 point, we move on to public comment.

3 MR. DOSTINE: Madam Chair, we have two requests.
4 The first one is Honorable Mayor Bill Matakas.

5 MR. MATAKAS: Thank you, Mr. Dostine.

6 I have two sets of remarks, not knowing what was
7 going to happen here today. These are the happy remarks.

8 On behalf of my citizens, elected officials, and
9 all of the city employees, we want to thank you for
10 terminating your supervision of the City of Allen Park. I
11 do want to thank you for the consideration and
12 thoughtfulness that you've given to the supervision, of
13 our affairs.

14 I have been reading RTAB minutes on many
15 occasions, and I'm glad I have seen the committee that the
16 state appointed for Allen Park, you've been thoughtful,
17 you've been helpful, and we very much appreciate it.

18 And I would like to thank, particularly, Ms.
19 Barann and Mr. Frank. Citizens from Allen Park, who I'm
20 certain, have heard from us on various times, more often
21 than the rest of you, with our thoughts about what you
22 should be doing. Thank you both, for everything you've
23 done. Thank you.

24 MS. SCHAEFER: Thank you.

25 MR. DOSTINE: Madam Chair, the next request

1 comes from Mr. Ray Magusin.

2 MR. MAGUSIN: Ray Magusin, concerned citizen of
3 Allen Park. I myself, want to thank you all. I know some
4 of us probably were a little rough on you sometimes, but
5 that's just how we are. And I thank you for all your
6 volunteerism.

7 I know you got volunteered, you don't get paid,
8 some of you guys don't get paid for this, but you know
9 what? You did an excellent job. I want to also thank the
10 governor, for allowing to give control back to our city.

11 And hopefully, and I know we will, with the
12 people that we have in place, we will move forward. And
13 our citizens will thank us all. And I want to thank you
14 again.

15 But like I've always done in the past, and I
16 will always do it, I pledge allegiance to the flag, of the
17 United States of America. And to the republic, for which
18 it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with
19 liberty and justice for all.

20 And with that, Happy New Year, thank you very
21 much, and good luck to all your other endeavors. Thank
22 you very, very much. And have a great day.

23 MS. SCHAEFER: Thank you.

24 MR. DOSTINE: Madam Chair, that concludes
25 requests for public comments.

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MS. SCHAEFER: Okay, thank you.

We will move on to board comments. We will start at the end, because I'm sure everyone has a comment.

MR. WOLLENWEBER: First of all, I think this is really a great day for the City of Allen Park and its residents. And I want to thank the residents for their foresight in selecting elected officials that knew what to do. You know, I was on the original review committee here, and it was real tough. And the frustration, both the council members and the residents that came out, and the inability to get things done over things.

They were just so frustrated with the -- with what happened, and to put you in this condition. One thing I will say, I am sorry that the powers that be did not prosecute further those people that caused this heartache for the residents here.

But besides thanking the residents for who they elected, and in this case, the -- one of the tasks of elected officials is to make sure things run properly. And this group has done a wonderful job in selecting the staff people, to make this happen. To work with Treasury. And to make this day possible.

Because I knew this was a good community. And the care of residents in terms of the changes that had to be made, and allow the council to do that, that did

1 happen. And that's why it's very exciting for me to see
2 this come back to the -- because this is the way the
3 process is supposed to work.

4 And it did work, because everyone cared to make
5 it work, and to make those changes. So I thank the staff,
6 the treasury staff, that worked on this, but primarily the
7 residents who selected the right people, in terms of
8 making this happen. And that those people, in elected
9 office, selected, I think, critical staff people to make
10 this happen. Those that are here now, and those that
11 helped during the transition, as well. Thank you.

12 MS. SCHAEFER: Mr. Frank?

13 MR. FRANK: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. It's
14 been an honor and a privilege to serve my city and state.
15 As all of you, I think, know, I am a resident here in the
16 City of Allen Park. I don't think anybody was too rough
17 on us. I may not always have been happy, but I think that
18 city has made great progress.

19 It's been an honor for me to serve with the
20 fellow board members on this Receivership Transition
21 Advisory Board. I want to thank the mayor for nominating
22 me, and the governor for appointing me to this board. The
23 citizens, that elected like my predecessor speaker said, a
24 wonderful group of elected officials who are moving
25 forward.

1 I want to also thank the staff of both the city
2 and treasury for helping make the job of those of us who
3 sit here easier, keeping us moving along, and helping us
4 to help move this city back into a great place.

5 It's a great city; if I didn't think so, I
6 wouldn't live here. So again, I want to thank the people,
7 all of the people in the city, and those who work for the
8 city.

9 MS. SCHAEFER: Thank you. Mr. Lites?

10 MR. LITES: I don't mean to be redundant with my
11 two esteemed colleagues have said, but there are four
12 people I'd like to particularly compliment. One is the
13 mayor.

14 Secondly, and frankly most importantly, is the
15 city manager. Has been really all over the affairs of the
16 city, he's done a great job, in my opinion. Very
17 thoroughly prepared. The city's obviously in very good
18 hands.

19 And I want to thank Mr. Cline, and Mr. Dostine,
20 who were very informed. If I ever had any questions about
21 events that were coming up, they were very responsive.
22 It's been my pleasure to assist in the turnaround to the
23 extent that we have, that this board has, with the City of
24 Allen Park. And it's been my pleasure to work with you
25 people.

1 MS. SCHAEFER: Thank you.

2 Ms. Barann?

3 MS. BARANN: It's been said, but I just -- I'm
4 incredibly proud of where we are as a city right now. And
5 I want to in particular thank the employees of this city,
6 because they've witnessed it all. The good, the bad, and
7 the ugly.

8 So again, thanks to the governor, and the state
9 staff, for seeing us through this process. My fellow
10 board members, and again, just a shout out to Mark Kibby
11 and Bob Cady, and the elected officials here. Who made
12 some unpopular decisions at times, but I feel so
13 comfortable, and sleep well, knowing the direction of the
14 city and where it's going, so, thanks.

15 MS. SCHAEFER: One of the dangers of going last
16 is I can't say anything any better than what my colleagues
17 have already said, so -- but I do want to echo their
18 remarks. I think this city is in a very, very good
19 position.

20 I think leadership is very stable and making
21 very sound decisions. I do applaud the city manager, Mark
22 Kibby, and the finance director, Bob Cady, back there.
23 And certainly the mayor, and all the other elected
24 officials. You've done an excellent job, in my two years
25 of working with you.

1 And I want to thank my fellow board members.
2 They've been here through thick and thin with me, and I
3 really appreciate that, and your thoughtful decision
4 making, as member of the board.

5 I also want to point out kind of more of an
6 administrative thing, just to let everybody what the next
7 steps are. We will take the approved resolution back to
8 treasury, and we will submit that to the governor. But
9 understand, receivership does not end until the governor
10 signs that final -- that final document.

11 So, this is the important step. We will get it
12 to the governor posthaste, and you know, I think for the
13 most part, it should be, you know, his response should be
14 forthcoming very shortly. So I just wanted to let you
15 know what the next steps were.

16 But, in closing, for me, I've enjoyed coming to
17 Allen Park, even though there's probably days that it
18 didn't seem like it. But it's a great city; I've enjoyed
19 getting to know the city a little bit more, and after
20 that, I'm making the staff take me to Angelino's, so. So
21 thank you very much.

22 And I believe that's it, so I will -- motion to
23 adjourn.

24 MS. BARANN: Motion to adjourn.

25 MR. WOLLENWEBER: Second.

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MS. SCHAEFER: It's been moved and seconded, all those in favor say aye. Aye.

MS. BARANN: Aye.

MR. LITES: Aye.

MR. WOLLENWEBER: Aye.

MR. FRANKS: Aye.

MS. SCHAFER: Opposed?

(No response)

MS. SCHAEFER: Hearing none, the meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

(Proceedings concluded at 11:16 a.m.)

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I certify that this transcript is a complete, true, and correct transcript to the best of my ability of the RTAB meeting held on January 25th, 2017, City of Allen Park. I also certify that I am not a relative or employee of the parties involved and have no financial interest in this case.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: February 1, 2017

s/ *Amy Shankleton-Novess*

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