Allegheny Regional Asset District (RAD) Board of Directors Elects Officers, Approves Library Connection Grant at Quarterly Meeting.

Pittsburgh, PA (February 20, 2020). At a public meeting in Downtown Pittsburgh, the Allegheny Regional Asset District (RAD)’s Board of Directors elected its 2020 officers and approved a grant in the amount of $38,000 to support the pilot phase of a shared services project between Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and county libraries, among other business.

In its first quarterly meeting of 2020, the RAD Board unanimously elected officers to serve for the 2020 calendar year in the following capacities: Dusty Elias Kirk as Chair, Daniel J. Griffin as Vice Chair, and Sylvia Fields as Secretary/Treasurer. As newly elected Chair, Ms. Kirk made the following committee and special assignments:

- **Allocations Committee:** Hilda Pang Fu, Daniel J. Griffin, Anthony Ross
- **Library Committee:** Jackie Dixon, Daniel J. Griffin, Dusty Elias Kirk
- **Project Review Committee:** Sylvia Fields, Hilda Pang Fu, Daniel Rosen
- **Audit Committee:** Dusty Elias Kirk, Anthony Ross
- **Advisory Board Liaison:** Jackie Dixon
- **Gender Equity Task Force:** Sylvia Fields, Daniel Rosen

The Board also unanimously approved a Connections Grant in the amount of $38,000 to Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh to fund a preliminary pilot of selected shared services in the areas of facilities, fund development, and human resources with several Allegheny County libraries.

“The design and implementation of a meaningful shared services model has been an ongoing effort funded by RAD and in partnership with Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and the Allegheny County Library Association for more than two years,” said Jackie Dixon on behalf of the Project Review Committee who recommended the grant.

The goal of this effort is to enhance county-wide quality and equity in library services by enabling libraries to access high-quality back-office services and reallocate the time and resources currently dedicated to those functions toward improved patron experiences. The goal of this preliminary pilot is to test the design of shared services and yield lessons to inform the future launch of full-scale shared services.

As part of his Executive Director’s report, Richard Hudic shared a request from the Sports & Exhibition Authority (SEA) for RAD’s concurrence to refund the Regional Asset District Sales Tax Revenue Series 2010 Bond. Hudic reported that RAD’s current debt obligation, which is due to expire in 2030, will remain constant and unchanged, and the savings to the SEA resulting from the lower interest rates will be applied to various capital projects. The Board unanimously approved the request.

Hudic also announced that nominations for RAD’s at-large board member will be accepted beginning April 1st and until April 30th, as current at-large board member Dr. Daniel Rosen’s term expires June 1st. The opportunity will be posted on RAD’s website and qualified organizations are encouraged to submit nominees for election at RAD’s next board meeting on May 21st.

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**ABOUT RAD:**
For 25 years, the Allegheny Regional Asset District (RAD) has invested in Allegheny County's quality of life through financial support of public libraries, parks and trails, major regional facilities, arts and cultural organizations, sports and civic facilities, public transit, and local municipal services. Since 1995, the 1% sales and use tax paid by residents of and visitors to Allegheny County has resulted in more than $4 billion invested back into the region. More at radworkshere.org.