

# BUFFALO URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

June 3, 2010

ROOM 209

## MEMBERS AND OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mayor Byron Brown  
Council President Franczyk  
Commissioner Penksa  
Council Member LoCurto  
Council Member Kearns  
David Rodriguez, Corporation Counsel  
Brendan Mehaffy  
Dominic Bonifacio

## MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

## SECRETARY:

Scott C. Billman

## OTHERS PRESENT:

James Wimbley, FCA  
Francisco Guzman, COB/BURA  
Yvonne McCray, COB/BURA  
Darryl McPherson, Division of Audit  
Jim Folan, Contract Administration  
Greg Bernas, BURA  
Julia Paul, Council Staff  
Marilyn Gallivan, Marine Drive  
Monica Brown, American Red Cross  
Nadia Pizam, American Red Cross  
Staci Turner, C.R.U.C.I.A.L  
Darnell Jackson, C.R.U.C.I.A.L  
Marc Romanowski, Harter Secrest & Emery  
Peggy Krathaus, CAO  
Peter Savage, PAL  
Denise Paskiewicz, People Inc.  
Tom Franezyl, PAL

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Council Member Kerns made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes for the **May 20, 2010** meeting, and that they are accepted; seconded by Mr. Mehaffy and carried unanimously.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

### Agenda Item 3a – 3k

Motion to take the Agenda items 3a-3k inclusive was made by Council Member Franczyk seconded by Council Member LoCurto, and carried unanimously.

**3a.) C.A.O./Friends Community Center** - Funding Amount: \$29,771.00. A request for authorization to contract with C.A.O./Friends Community Center Senior Program for \$29,771 to operate recreation, social and nutritional programs for the elderly living in the

Masten District of the City of Buffalo. This program will operate from May 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

**3b.) C.A.O. / Pratt Willert Community Center – Senior Program - Funding Amount: \$20,573.00.** A request for authorization to contract with C.A.O./Pratt Willert Community Center Senior Program for \$20,573 to operate recreation, social and nutritional programs for elderly living in the Ellicott District of the City of Buffalo. This program will operate May 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

**3c.) C.A.O./Pratt Willert Community Center – Youth Program - Funding Amount: \$50,573.00.** A request for authorization to contract with C.A.O./Pratt Willert Community Center Youth Program for \$50,573 to operate educational and athletic programs for youth living in the Ellicott District of the City of Buffalo. This program will operate from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011.

**3d.) C.R.U.C.I.A.L. Human Services - Funding Amount: \$71,367.00.** A request for authorization to contract with C.R.U.C.I.A.L Human Services for \$71,367. The UMOSA Project is an empowerment program that addresses the social, educational, cultural and recreational needs of underserved and at-risk youth ages 5-21. C.R.U.C.I.A.L objectives are to help youth maintain and/or improve their academic performance. This program will operate from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011.

**3e.) Concerned Ecumenical Ministries (C.E.M.) - Funding Amount: \$36,567.00.** A request for authorization to contract with the Concerned Ecumenical Ministries (C.E.M.) for \$36,567 they will provide upper West Side Senior Citizens with a community in which they can engage in social activities and connect with resources that will allow them to remain active in healthy numbers of the community. This program will operate from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011.

**3f.) Police Athletic League (P.A.L.) - Funding Amount: \$112,604.** A request for authorization to contract with the Police Athletic League for \$112,604 they seek to provide structured, supervised and organized activities for youth in the City of Buffalo, in the form of educational, recreational, cultural environmental. This program will operate from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011. There is no construction or renovation involved in this project.

**3g.) People, Inc. - Funding Amount: \$26,054.00.** A request for authorization to contract with People, Inc. for \$26,054 to operate Senior Unlimited, an adult day care center designed to meet the special needs of adults who have developed dementia related disorders, such as Alzheimer's Disease. This program will operate from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011.

**3h.) Polish Community Center of Buffalo, Inc. – Senior Program - Funding Amount: \$70,679.00.** A request for authorization to contract with the Polish Community Center of Buffalo, Inc. – Senior Program for \$70,679 to operate recreation, social and nutritional programs for elderly living in the Fillmore District of the City of Buffalo. This program will operate from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011.

**3i.) Polish Community Center of Buffalo, Inc. – Youth Program - Funding Amount: \$98,467.00.** A request for authorization to contract with the Polish Community Center of Buffalo, Inc. – Youth Program for \$98,467 to operate recreation, educational, social and nutritional programs for children living in the Fillmore District of the City of Buffalo. This program will operate from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011.

**3j.) Parkside Community Association - Funding Amount: \$22,000.00.** A request for authorization to contract with Parkside Community Association for \$22,000.00. The Summer Arts Program offers a wide variety of classes that are tailored towards different learning styles, for about 200 children from ages 5-11. Classes offered include art, music, dance and creative writing and organized recreational activities and team sports. This program will operate from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011.

**3k.) Schiller Park Senior Citizen Center - Funding Amount: \$102,573.** A request for authorization to contract with Schiller Park Senior Citizens Center for \$102,573 to provide a variety of activities and services to area seniors. These activities will promote well-being, enhance their self-worth and encourage and support their independence. This program will operate from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011.

**Council Member Franzcyk made the motion to approve Items 3a through 3k inclusive contingent on certification of funds by the Agency's Office of Administration and Finance and Agency Counsel approval of all Agreements; seconded by Council Member LoCurto and carried unanimously.**

#### **HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA)**

**Agenda Item 10a. - 2010-2011 HOPWA Program - Funding Amount: \$521,962.00.** A request for authorization to contract with various agencies for the 2010-2011 HOPWA Grant Program totaling \$521,962.00. This program will operate from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011. There is no construction or renovation involved with this project.

**Commissioner Penksa made the motion to approve this item; seconded by Corporation Counsel Rodriguez and carried unanimously.**

#### **EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT**

**Agenda Item 11a. – 2010-2011 Emergency Shelter Grant Program - Funding Amount: \$705,483.00.** A request for authorization to contract with various agencies for the 2009 Emergency Shelter Grant Program totaling \$705,438.00. This program will operate from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011. There is no construction or renovation involved with this project.

**Corporation Counsel Rodriguez made the motion to approve this item; seconded by Mr. Bonifacio and carried unanimously.**

**LATE FILE:**

Motion to accept the Fruit Belt Urban Renewal Plan Amendment SEQR Negative Declaration late file was made by seconded by Mr. Mehaffy and carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item 12b. – Fruit Belt Urban Renewal Plan Amendment SEQR Negative Declaration** - The City of Buffalo proposes to amend the boundary of the Fruit Belt Urban Renewal Plan. The amendment will remove the block in the Plan that is bounded by Michigan Avenue, High Street, Maple Street and East North Street. The purpose of the boundary change is to facilitate the ongoing development of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus. BUM must approve of the Plan Amendment prior to submission to the Common Council for ratification. Prior to the implementation of the above action, the requirements of the N.Y. State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) must be satisfied. The project is an "Unlisted Action" for which BURA has completed a coordinated environmental assessment. It is submitted, in accordance with Section 617.7 of the regulations, that the impacts resulting from the proposed action will not have significant adverse impacts on the environment. The Negative Declaration (determination of no significant impact on the environment) is enclosed for your review and approval.

**Mr. Mehaffy made the motion to approve this item; seconded by Commissioner Penksa and carried unanimously.**

**OTHER**

**Agenda Item 12a. - Skilled Nursing Facility** - This is a request by Kaleida Health ("Kaleida") and Site E, LLC (collectively the Applicants") to amend the boundary of the Fruit Belt Urban Renewal Area. Kaleida is proposing to construct its Skilled Nursing Facility on the block which extends from East North Street to High Street and from Michigan Avenue to Maple Street in the City of Buffalo, New York. Because the Fruit Belt Urban Renewal Plan does not specifically permit a facility such as the Skilled Nursing Facility, it is necessary to amend the boundary of this area to freely permit the Skilled Nursing Facility without altering the content of the Fruit Belt Urban Renewal Plan. The Parcels had previously been rezoned by the Common Council to C-I, which permits the Proposed Skilled Nursing Facility as- of-right under the Zoning Code.

**Corporation Counsel Rodriguez made the motion to approve this item; seconded by Council Member LoCurto and carried unanimously.**

There being no further business to discuss, **Corporation Counsel Rodriguez** made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Council member LoCurto and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., June 17, 2010 in Room 209 City Hall, Buffalo, New York.

Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency  
June 3, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. C. Billman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Scott C. Billman  
Secretary

Reported by:  
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