

BUFFALO URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

May 20, 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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dominic Bonifacio

SECRETARY:

Scott C. Billman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Francisco Guzman, COB/BURA
Marilyn Gallivan, Marine Drive
Jim Folan, Contract Administration
Michelle Finn, Legal Aid Bureau of Bflo.
Grace Tate, Buffalo Urban League
Larry Pemick, Northwest Buffalo Community Center
Marc Romanowski, Kaleida Health
Marisa Villide, Western New York Law Center
Ray Walter, F.L.A.R.E
Paulette Counts, African American Cultural Center
Brian Cacciotti, Homefront Inc.
Kris Parisi, SCBA
Burt Mirti, North Buffalo Community Center
Julia Paul, Council Staff
Darryl McPherson, Division of Audit
Ann O'Donnell, Division of Audit
Lourdes Iglesias, HUB
Alan Tober, Contract Adm.
Ray Walter, FLARE
Val Vigiano, ABLEY
Shannon Koehn, H.O.M.E.
Sue Rosenthal, Valley Community Association
Chris Cibas, Literacy Volunteers
Alexis Dickerson, Neighborhood Legal Services
Laura Kelly, Old First Ward,

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Council Member LoCurto made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes for the **April 22, 2010** meeting, and that they are accepted; seconded by Mr. Rodriguez and carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Agenda Item 3a – 3x. See below:

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

3a.) Fillmore Leroy Area Residents (F.L.A.R.E.-Youth) Contract Revision.

Funding Amount: \$1,300.00. A request for authorization to provide a contract revision to increase F.L.A.R.E.'s Youth Program Contract by \$1300.00 as well as to provide a one month extension. Additional funding was necessary to fulfill American Disability Act (A.D.A.) requirements for the purchase of the van. The van will be handicapped accessible including a wheelchair lift. This program will operate from May 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. There is no construction or renovation involved in this project.

3b.) Fillmore Leroy Area Residents (F.L.A.R.E. –Senior) Contract Revision.

Funding Amount: \$8,700.00. A request for authorization to provide a contract revision to increase F.L.A.R.E.'s Senior Program Contract by \$8,700.00 as well as to provide a one month contract extension. Additional funding was necessary to fulfill American Disability Act (A.D.A.) requirements for the purchase of the van. The van will be handicapped accessible including a wheelchair lift. This program will operate May 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. There is no construction or renovation involved in this project.

3c.) Advisory Board for Lovejoy Elderly and Youth, Inc. (A.B.L.E.Y.) Funding

Amount: \$87,720.00. A request for authorization to contract with the Advisory Board for Lovejoy Elderly and Youth (A.B.L.E.Y.) for \$87,720 to provide human services to the elderly of the East Side/ Lovejoy area of the City of Buffalo. This program will operate from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011. There is no construction or renovation involved in this project.

3d.) African Cultural Center of Buffalo, Inc. Funding Amount: \$69,690. A request for authorization to contract with the African Cultural Center of Buffalo for \$69,690 to provide for youth activities and an education program to youths and young adults. Dance, music, and social interaction will be emphasized.

3e.) Buffalo Urban League. Funding Amount: \$45,573. A request for authorization to contract with the Buffalo Urban League \$45,573 to provide counseling and outreach services to prevent mortgage foreclosures resulting from predatory lending practices. This program will operate from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011. There is no construction or renovation involved with this project.

3f.) Erie Regional Housing Development Corp. – Los Tainos Seniors. Funding Amount: \$13,237. A request for authorization to contract with Erie Regional Housing Development Corporation for \$13,237 to provide for a senior activities and recreation program to seniors on the lower west-side of Buffalo.

3g.) Erie Regional Housing Development Corp. – Youth Program. Funding Amount: \$76,386. A request for authorization to contract with Erie Regional Housing

Development Corp. Youth Program for \$76,386 to provide for youth activities and recreation programs to youths on the lower west side of Buffalo. Programs include after-school and summer educational enrichment science, reading and social skills and conflict resolution. There is no construction or renovation involved in this project.

3h.) Hispanics United of Buffalo – Senior Program. Funding Amount: \$25,573. A request for authorization to contract with Hispanics United of Buffalo for \$25,573 to provide a recreation and education program to seniors in the Niagara District. This program will operate from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011. There is no construction or renovation involved in this project.

3i.) Homefront, Inc. – Owners Avoiding Homelessness. Funding Amount: \$20,000. A request for authorization to contract with Homefront, Inc. for \$20,000 to provide counseling, homeowner workshops and gap funding for eligible clients that have missed mortgage payments. This program will operate from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011. There is no construction or renovations involved in this project.

3j.) Housing Opportunities Made Equal (H.O.M.E.). Funding Amount: \$75,573 A request for authorization to contract with Housing Opportunities Made Equal (H.O.M.E.)for \$75,573 to provide comprehensive services to victims of housing bias, services to include paralegal counseling, technical assistance to government and not-for-profit service providers, community education and fair housing. This program will operate from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011. There is no construction or renovations involved in this project.

3k.) Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc. Funding Amount: \$60,573. A request for authorization to contract with the Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc for \$60,573 to bring about equitable resolutions to City of Buffalo residents who have legal problems in housing related matters such as landlord/tenant relationships and housing code violations cases heard within Buffalo City Court. This program will operate from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011. There is no construction or renovation involved in this project.

3l.) Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc. Funding Amount: \$44,807. A request for authorization to contract with the Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc. for \$44,807 to provide legal advice and assistance necessary to prevent mortgage foreclosures resulting from predatory lending practices. This program will operate from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011. There is no construction or renovations involved in this project.

3m.) Literacy Volunteers of American/Buffalo. Funding Amount: \$13,091. A request for authorization to contract with Literacy Volunteers of America /Buffalo for \$13,091 to provide tutoring services to the illiterate adults and out of school youth over 16 years of age city wide. This program will operate from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011. There is no construction or renovations involved in this project.

3n.) Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc. Funding Amount: \$35,573. A request for authorization to contract with Neighborhood Legal Services for \$35,573 to provide legal representation to City of Buffalo residents who have experienced discrimination in

housing related matters. This program will operate from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011. There is no construction or renovations involved in this project.

3o.) North Buffalo Community Development Corp. – Senior Program. Funding Amount: \$50,181. A request for authorization to contract with North Buffalo Community Development Corp. Senior Program for \$50,181 to provide for senior activities and an education program to seniors. Social interaction and educational programs will be included. This program will operate from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011. There is no construction or renovations involved in this project.

3p.) North Buffalo Community Development Corp. – Youth Program. Funding Amount: \$46,751. A request for authorization to contract with North Buffalo Community Development Corp. Youth Program for \$46,751 to provide for youth services and an education program to youths. Structured activities, both physical and mental will be offered. This program will operate from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011. There is no construction or renovations involved in this project.

3q.) Northwest Buffalo Community Center, Inc. – Senior Program Funding Amount: \$113,041. A request for authorization to contract with the Northwest Buffalo Community Center Youth Program for \$113,041 to provide for a senior activities and recreation program for seniors in the North District of Buffalo. Nutrition and transportation will be emphasized. This program will operate from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011. There is no construction or renovations involved in this project.

3r.) Northwest Buffalo Community Center, Inc. – Youth Program. Funding Amount: \$133,478. A Request for authorization to contract with the Northwest Buffalo Community Center Senior Program for \$133,478 to provide for youth activities and recreation programs for youth in the North District of Buffalo. Emphasis will be placed on academic and social skills development for low/mod income youth. This program will operate from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011. There is no construction or renovations involved in this project.

3s.) Old First Ward Community Association – Senior Program. Funding Amount: \$29,821. A request for authorization to contract with the Old First Ward Community Association Senior Program for \$29,821 to provide social, nutritional, recreational, and transportation services to the elderly in the City of Buffalo. This program will operate from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011. There is no construction or renovations involved in this project.

3t.) Old First Ward Community Association – Youth Program. A request for authorization to contract with the Old First Ward Community Association Youth Program for \$27,373 to provide social, educational, cultural and recreational programming. This program will operate May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011. There is no construction or renovations involved in this project.

3u.) South Buffalo Community Association. Funding Amount: \$134,573. A request for authorization to contract with the South Buffalo Community Association for \$134,573 to provide a variety of services to the elderly residents of South Buffalo and

supply programs and activities to residents. This program will operate from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011. There is no construction or renovations involved in this project.

3v.) Valley Community Association. Funding Amount: \$25,573. A request for authorization to contract with the Valley Community Association for \$25,573 to provide human services to the elderly of the southwest side of the City of Buffalo. This program will operate from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011. There is no construction or renovations involved in this project.

3w.) Western New York Law Center (Anti-Flipping). Funding Amount: \$20,000. A request for authorization to contract with the Western New York Law Center (Anti-Flipping) for \$20,000 to combat flipping by providing analysis of real estate related data, conduct review and recommend changes in policies, procedures, and laws that impact flipping; education for real estate professionals and “investors” and raise community awareness; investigation of flipping and fraud practices for referral to law enforcement. This program will operate from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011. There is no construction or renovation involved in this project.

3x.) Back to Basics Outreach Ministries, Inc. Funding Amount: \$30,573. A request for authorization to contract with Back to Basics Outreach Ministries, Inc. for \$30,573 to operate a Substance Abuse Program providing group and peer counseling and such services as employment training and job search, transitional housing, pantry services and transportation facilities for citizens in the City of Buffalo. This program will operate from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011. There is no construction or renovation involved in this project.

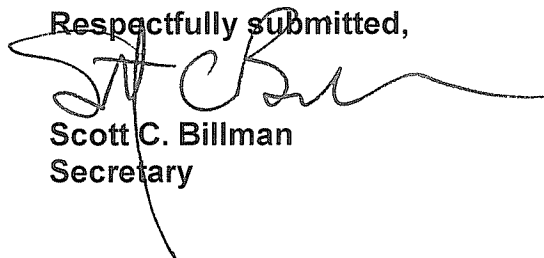
Corporation Counsel Mr. Rodriguez made the motion to approve Items 3a through 3x inclusive contingent on certification of funds by the Agency’s Office of Administration and Finance and Agency Counsel approval of all Agreements; seconded by Commissioner Penksa and carried unanimously.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., June 3, 2010 in Room 209 City Hall, Buffalo, New York.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott C. Billman
Secretary

Reported by:
Risë Geller-Alongi