

BUFFALO URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
June 4, 2009
ROOM 209

MEMBERS AND

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mayor Byron Brown
Andrew E. Eszak
David Rodriguez, Corporation Counsel
Council President Franczyk
Commissioner Penksa
Virginia Oehler
Commissioner Reilly
Council Member LoCurto

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Council Member Kearns

SECRETARY:

Scott C. Billman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Marilyn Gallivan, Marine Drive Apts
Carla Kosmerl, OSP
Jim Folan, Contract Administration
Nadia Moore, Metro CDC
Terry Lewis, Human Services

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Council President Franczyk made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the **May 7, 2009** meeting, and that they are accepted; seconded by Drew Eszak and carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Agenda Item 3a – Metro Community Development Corp.

Submitted to Agency Members for approval, is a request for authorization to increase the budget to Year 34 contract with Metro CDC, for programming cost at the Delevan Grider Community Center by 20,000.00 to cover cost in materials and supplies and purchase of services. The original funded amount was \$82,000.00. The new funding amount would be \$102,000.00. This program was operated from May 1, 2008 to April 30, 2009.

Ms. Oehler made the motion to approve the above item, contingent on certification of funds by the Financial Control of Agencies and Agency Counsel approval of all Agreements; seconded by Commissioner Penksa and carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 3b – Yr 34 CARE Loan/Grant Program

Agenda Item 3c – Yr 34 CARE Technical Assistance/Entrepreneurial Assistance Program

Agenda Item 3e – Yr 34 CARE NRSA Loan/Grant Program

Mr. Reilly made the motion to table items 3b, 3c and 3e, seconded by Corporation Counsel Rodriguez and carried unanimously.

OTHER

Agenda Item 12a – True Bethel Housing Development, SEQR Lead Agency Request

Submitted to Agency Members for approval, is a request from True Bethel Baptist Church to undertake the construction of three single family homes on vacant, City and Church owned land at 877-879, 883-885 and 884-886 Woodlawn Avenue. The project will be funded privately and with HOME financing provided by the City. Prior to the implementation of the above project, the requirements of the N.Y. State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) must be satisfied. The project is an “Unlisted Action” for which BURA recommends the completion of a coordinated environmental assessment. In accordance with Section 617.6 of the regulations, an agency responsible for determining the effect of the project on the environment must be designated from among the involved agencies. It is proposed that BURA act as the lead SEQR agency for this undertaking.

Commissioner Reilly made the motion to approve the above item; seconded by Council President Franczyk and carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Corporation Council 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., July 2, 2009**, in Room 209 City Hall, Buffalo, New York.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott C. Billman
Secretary

Reported by:
Risë Geller-Alongi