

BUFFALO URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
October 8, 2009
ROOM 209

**MEMBERS AND
OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Andrew E. Eszak
Council President Franczyk
Commissioner Penksa
Commissioner Reilly
David Rodriguez, Corporation Counsel
Council Member Kearns

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Byron Brown
Council Member LoCurto

SECRETARY:

Scott C. Billman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Marilyn Gallivan, Marine Drive Apartments
Kevin Horrigan, People Inc.
LaVeine Peaker, Parkside Community Assoc.
Erma Brown, EDCD, Inc.
Lawrence Pernick, Jr., Northwest Buffalo Comm. Ctr.
Kris Parisi, South Buffalo Community Assoc.
Linda Anaj, Westside NHS
Ann O'Donnell, Division of Audit
Ray Walter, FLARE
Jim Folan, Contract Admin.
Laura Bell, Old First Ward
Terrance Lisa
Carla A. Kosmerl, COB/BURA
Mike Riegel, Belmont Shelter Corp.
Yvonne McCray, COB/BURA
Karen Privateer, Council Staff
Julia Paul, Council Staff

Mr. Eszak called the meeting to order at 9:51a.m. After amending the date in the minutes from June 30, 2009 to July 30, 2009, Commissioner Penksa made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes for the **September 24, 2009** meeting, and that they are accepted as amended; seconded by Council President Franczyk and carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

2009-2010 Annual Action Plan

Submitted to Agency Members for approval, is the proposed spending plan for the City of Buffalo's 2009-2010 Annual Action Plan. The allocation of funds set forth by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development is as follows:

Community Development Block Grant	\$16,091,522
HOME Investment Partnership Grant	\$ 5,081,876
Emergency Shelter Grant	\$ 706,910
Housing Opportunities for Persons w/AIDS	\$ 521,962

HUD released its final allocation on May 1, 2009 which differed significantly from the estimated allocations. As a result, BURA conducted an additional public hearing and comment period to comply with citizen participation requirements and resubmitted the Annual Action Plan to HUD. Note that in June 2009, HUD made a second revision to the final allocations that added another \$30,866 to the CDBG Program. HUD advised that this revision required no further action under citizen participation. The additional funds were added to the "Demolition" project to benefit the City as a whole.

Corporation Counsel Rodriguez made the motion to approve the item 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 Kearns and carried unanimously.

Mr. Eszak stated that Agenda Items 3a through 3f would be reviewed together.

Agenda Item 3a – People Inc.

Submitted to Agency Members for approval, is a request to contract with People Inc., for \$26,054 to operate Seniors 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, 2009 to April 30, 2010.

Agenda Item 3b – Parkside Community Association

Submitted to Agency Members for approval, is a request to contract with Parkside Association for \$20,573 to provide a summer arts program for youth. This program will operate from May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010.

Agenda Item 3c – Old First Ward Community Associates/Seniors

Submitted to Agency Members for approval, is a request 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, 2009 to April 30, 2010.

Agenda Item 3d – Old First Ward Community Association

Submitted to Agency Members for approval, is a request to contract with the Old First Ward Community Association Human Services for \$27,373 to provide social, educational and recreational programs for the youth in the City of Buffalo. This program will operate from May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010

Agenda Item 3e – Fillmore Leroy Area Residents/FLARE

Submitted to Agency Members for approval, is a request to contract with FLARE for \$39,093 to provide social, nutritional, recreational and transportation services to the elderly in the City of Buffalo. This program will operate from May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010.

Agenda Item 3f – Fillmore Leroy Area Residents/FLARE

Submitted to Agency Members for approval, is a request to contract with FLARE for \$15,303 to provide social, educational, recreational and transportation services for the youth in the City of Buffalo. This program will operate from May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010.

Council Member Kearns made the motion to approve Agenda Items 3a through 3f contingent on certification of funds by the Agency's Office of Administration and Finance and Agency Counsel approval of all Agreements; seconded by Council President Franczyk and carried unanimously.

Council Member Kearns made the motion to accept Late File Items 3g through 3k; seconded by Council President Franczyk and carried unanimously.

Late File Agenda Item 3g – Housing Rehabilitation Program Administration Contract Extension

Submitted to Agency Members for approval, is a request for funding in the amount of \$452,000 for the extension of the contract with Belmont Shelter Corporation to December 31, 2009 to deliver financial assistance to owners through the Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation programs. This extension will be limited to completion of projects already underway, the processing of new requests for assistance under the emergency programs to be completed within the next three months and compliance with obligations under the OSP Lead Grant and New York State Housing Programs.

Council President Franczyk inquired as to how the zones of funding are delineated and requested a map of every district and a list of loans (emergency and regular) that have been granted to each agency in that district.

Mike Riegel, President of Belmont Shelter Corporation, stated that the loans were not directed toward specific districts. Mr. Riegel also assured Council President Franczyk that he would provide a detailed list stating where the loans have been disbursed.

Mr. Eszak made the motion to approve the item; seconded by Commissioner Penksa. The motion passed with six Board Members in favor and one abstention made by Council President Franczyk due to lack of information.

Mr. Eszak stated that Agenda Items 3h through 3k would be reviewed together.

Late File Agenda Item 3h - Request for Budget Revision & Time Extension for the Community Based Organizations

Submitted to Agency Members for approval, is a request for time extension and budget revision for the Community Based Organizations (CBO) network to continue to participate in the Community Partnerships Initiative for the City of Buffalo. The revised service contract dates will be May 1, 2006 through December 31, 2009. Each agency will be eligible to receive the maximum award up to \$55,000 and will be paid according to an approved fee schedule for the performance/tasks listed in the contract Scope of Services.

Late File Agenda Item 3i – South Buffalo Community Association

Submitted to Agency Members for approval, is a request to contract with the South Buffalo Community Association for \$134,573 to provide a variety of services to elderly residents of South Buffalo and supply programs and activities to residents. This program will operate from May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010.

Late File Agenda Item 3j – Northwest Buffalo Community Center, Inc. (Senior Program)

Submitted to Agency Members for approval, is a request to contract with the Northwest Buffalo Community Center, Inc. (Senior Program) for \$113,041 to fund senior citizen recreation in the North district of the City of Buffalo. This program will operate from May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010. There is no construction or renovation in this project.

Late File Agenda Item 3k – Northwest Buffalo Community Center, Inc. (Youth Program)

Submitted to Agency Members for approval, is a request to contract with the Northwest Buffalo Community Center, Inc. (Youth Program) for \$133,478 to provide for youth activities such as tutoring, reading, recreation, day care and social activities in the North district of the City of Buffalo. This program will operate from May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010. There is no construction or renovation in this project.

Council President Franczyk made the motion to approve Agenda Items 3h through 3k contingent on certification of funds by the Agency's Office of

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**Administration and Finance and Agency Counsel approval of all Agreements;
seconded by Commissioner Reilly and carried unanimously.**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at **9:30 a.m., October 22, 2009**, in Room 209 City Hall, Buffalo, New York.

Respectfully submitted,

**Scott C. Billman
Secretary**

**Reported by:
Tracy A. Lasker**