

BUFFALO URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
December 3, 2009
ROOM 209

MEMBERS AND

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mayor Byron Brown
Andrew Eszak
Council President Franczyk
Commissioner Penksa
Commissioner Reilly
Council Member Kearns
Council Member LoCurto
Dominic Bonifacio

MEMBERS ABSENT:

David Rodriguez, Corporation Counsel

SECRETARY:

Scott C. Billman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Marilyn Gallivan, Marine Drive Apartments
Jim Folan, Contract Administration
Alan Tober, Contract Administration
Darryl McPherson, Division of Audit
Karen Privateer, Council Staff
Yvonne McCray, COB-BURA
James Wimbley, BURA
Francisco Guzman, BURA
Magalie Lomax, Hispanics United of Buffalo
Joann Herman, Erie Regional Housing
John Hannon, OSP/Real Estate

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m. Council Member Kearns made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes for the **December 3, 2009** meeting, and that they are accepted as amended; seconded by Council Member LoCurto and carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Mayor Brown announced that Agenda Items 3a through 3c would be taken together.

Agenda Item 3a – Hispanics United of Buffalo

Submitted to Agency Members for approval, is a request for authorization to contract with Hispanics United of Buffalo for \$25,573 to provide for senior recreation activities and case management on the West Side of Buffalo. This program will operate from May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010. There is no construction or renovation involved with project.

Agenda Item 3b – Erie Regional Housing Services – Los Tainos Senior Program

Submitted to Agency Members for approval, is a request for authorization to contract with Erie Regional Housing Services for \$13,237 to provide senior recreation program called Los Tainos. This program will operate from May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010.

Agenda Item 3c – Erie Regional Housing Services – Youth Program

Submitted to Agency Members for approval, is a request for authorization to contract with Erie Regional Housing Services Youth Program for \$57,573 to provide for a youth recreation program for youth on the lower west side of Buffalo. This program will operate from May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010.

Mr. Bonifacio made the motion to approve this item contingent on signature of Vice Chairman, Andrew Eszak on the original Item submissions and certification of funds by the Agency's Office of Administration and Finance and Agency Counsel approval of all Agreements; seconded by Andrew Eszak and carried unanimously.

Mayor Brown announced that Agenda Items 3d and 3e would be taken together.

Agenda Item 3d – Street Synergy-Better on Bailey: Bike Racks Installation

Submitted to Agency Members for approval, is a request to contract with the City of Buffalo for Bicycle Racks Installation Project under the current approved contract with Miller Enterprises, Inc., (12 units \$6,780.00). Bidding for the project was conducted by the Department of Public Works, Parks & Streets and Miller Enterprises, Inc. was identified as the low Bidder. Bike racks will be installed between 3162-3404 Bailey Avenue.

Agenda Item 3e – North Street Synergy-Better on Bailey: Bailey Avenue Trash Receptacles

Submitted to Agency Members for approval, is a request to enter into a contract for \$9,350 with Titan Development, Inc., for the installation of trash receptacles along Bailey Avenue. BURA's Office of Design and Construction and the City's Department of Public Works has designed a custom receptacle for the use on City Streets. This new design incorporates the use of a standard tote per the request of the City sanitation crew. Hertel Avenue was the preliminary site for these receptacles which DPW plans to incorporate into business districts around the City. Bids were requested from four contractors and Titan Development Inc., was identified as the low bidder. Ten receptacles will be installed at approved locations on Bailey Avenue.

Council President Franczyk made the motion to approve Items 3d and 3e contingent on certification of funds by the Agency's Office of Administration and Finance and Agency Counsel approval of all Agreements; seconded by Commissioner Reilly and carried unanimously.

OTHER

Agenda Item 12a – Request for New Lease at 628 Washington Street

Submitted to Agency Members for approval, is a request to enter into a lease with Ciurczak and Company. Ciurczak and Company, an evaluation and consulting firm, occupies two of the three offices located in the Market Arcade Cinema Complex building at 643 Main Street. They have been tenants in the building for five years and currently employ eleven. Their present lease expires January 31, 2009. The term of the new lease would be for two years at a monthly rent of \$1,975. This is an increase of 5.3% and is based on similar rents in the area.

Mr. Bonifacio made the motion to approve this item; seconded by Mr. Eszak and carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 12b – Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)

Submitted to Agency Members for approval, is a request to enter into grant agreement for NSP. City of Buffalo and Town of Cheektowaga submitted a joint application under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) proposing a stabilization project across their respective jurisdictions. The Parties applied for funding pursuant to the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 and were awarded, based on that joint application, the amount of \$385,000 from the New York State Affordable Housing Corporation and \$2,250,019 from the New York State Housing Finance Agency. The project area will focus on areas of greatest need in each municipality. The City of Buffalo, through BURA, and Cheektowaga have formed a joint task force known as the Buffalo-Cheektowaga Revitalization Task Force to address current housing issues.

Council Member Kearns made the motion to approve this item; seconded by Mr. Eszak.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Bonifacio made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Reilly and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at **9:30 a.m., December 31, 2009**, in Room 209 City Hall, Buffalo, New York.

Respectfully submitted,

**Scott C. Billman
Secretary**

**Reported by:
Tracy A. Lasker**