

BUFFALO URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
January 14, 2010
ROOM 209

MEMBERS AND

OFFICERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

SECRETARY:

Scott C. Billman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Marilyn Gallivan, Marine Drive Apartments
Jim Folan, Contract Administration
Alan Tober, Contract Administration
Darryl McPherson, Division of Audit
Julia Paul, Council Staff
James Wimbley, BURA
Dolores Jacob, Metro CDC
Sheila Johnson, Metro CDC

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. Council Member LoCurto made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes for the **December 17, 2009** meeting, and that they are accepted as amended; seconded by Mr. Bonifacio and carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Mayor Brown announced that Agenda Items 3a and 3b would be taken together.

Agenda Item 3a – Metro Community Development Corp. Senior Program

Submitted to Agency Members for approval, is a request for authorization to contract with Metro CDC, Senior Program for \$25,573 to provide for senior recreation activities. This program will operate from May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010. There is no construction or renovation involved with project.

Agenda Item 3b – Metro Community Development Corp. Youth Program

Submitted to Agency Members for approval, is a request for authorization to contract with Metro CDC, Youth Program for \$62,573 to provide for a multi-faceted youth recreation program. This program will operate from May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010.

Corporation Counsel Rodriguez made the motion to approve items 3a and 3b 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.

WATERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT

Agenda Item 5a – Shanghai Reds Request to Close Restaurant Dining Area

Submitted to Agency Members for approval, is a request to close the dining area in order to perform renovations. The banquet and kitchen areas would remain open as well as the cocktail lounge during banquets. Shanghai Reds expects renovation to be completed by April 2010.

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

OTHER

Agenda Item 12a – Holy Family School Rehabilitation SEQR Negative Declaration

Submitted to Agency Members for approval, is a proposal from Delta Development, Inc. to undertake the substantial rehabilitation of the vacant, former Holy Family School at 920 Tift Street in South Buffalo. The building will be converted into a senior apartment facility containing 36 units. The project will be financed privately, with DHCR financing and with HOME funds provided by the City. Prior to the implementation of the above project, the requirements of the NY State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) must be satisfied. The project is “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 impact resulting from the proposed action will not have significant adverse impacts on the environment.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at **9:30 a.m., January 28, 2010** in Room 209 City Hall, Buffalo, New York.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott C. Billman
Secretary

Reported by:
Tracy A. Lasker