

**BUFFALO URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY**  
**March 25, 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  
Dominic Bonifacio

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Andrew Eszak

**SECRETARY:**

Scott C. Billman

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Marilyn Gallivan, Marine Drive  
Julia Paul, Council Staff  
Dorothy Hill, LHI  
Darryl McPherson, Division of Audit  
Greg Bernas, BURA  
James Wimbley, BURA  
Raleigh Love, University at Buffalo  
Francisco Guzman, BURA  
Roosevelt Wardlair, LHI  
Rick Calipari, Audit Control

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. Council Member Kearns made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes for the **March 11, 2010** meeting, and that they are accepted; seconded by Commissioner Penksa and carried unanimously.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

**Agenda Item 3a – CDBG-R Grant American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Streets, Curbs and Sidewalks**

Submitted to Agency Members for approval, is a request for permission to contract with the City of Buffalo for Street, Curb and Sidewalk Improvement Project under the CDBG-R Grant for the amount of \$1.5 million. \$1 million will be used to Citywide street and sidewalk improvements and \$500,000 for the Mid City NRSA street curb and sidewalk improvements.

Bidding for this project was conducted by the Department of Public Works, Parks and Streets. Destro & Brothers Concrete Co., Inc., was identified as the low bidder for the Overlay of the City streets. Valeri Concrete Construction, Inc., was identified as the low bidder for the Mid-City NRSA Curb & Sidewalk Improvement project.

**Council Member LoCurto made the motion to approve this item contingent on certification of funds by the Agency's Office of Administration and Finance and Agency Counsel approval of all Agreements; seconded by Corporation Counsel Rodriguez and carried unanimously.**

**OTHER**

**Agenda Item 12a – Langston Hughes Institute LDA Waiver, SEQR Lead Agency Designation**

Submitted to Agency Members for approval, is a request for a waiver by the Langston Hughes Institute to its existing Land Disposition Agreement from BURA and the City of Buffalo. 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 the completion of a coordinated environmental assessment is recommended. 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 action.

**Council President Franczyk made the motion to approve this item contingent on certification of funds by the Agency's Office of Administration and Finance and Agency Counsel approval of all Agreements; seconded by Mr. Bonifacio and carried unanimously.**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at **9:30 a.m., April 8, 2010** in Room 209 City Hall, Buffalo, New York.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Scott C. Billman**  
**Secretary**

**Reported by:**  
**Tracy A. Lasker**