

**CITY OF BUFFALO URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
209 CITY HALL**

MEETING DATE: March 22, 2018

MEMBERS AND OFFICERS PRESENT: Mayor Byron Brown
Council President Darius Pridgen
Brendan R. Mehaffy, Vice Chairman BURA
Timothy Ball, Corporation Counsel
Commissioner Donna Estrich
Council Member Joseph Golombek, Jr.
Council Member Christopher Scanlon

MEMBERS ABSENT: Domenic Bonifacio (Excused Absence)

SECRETARY: Scott C. Billman

OTHERS PRESENT: Nona Watson, BURA Executive Director
Yvonne McCray, BURA Director of Housing
Tracy Cooley, FCA BURA Deputy Director,
Keith Lucas, Director of BURA Planning,
Brenda Durfee, BURA, Maria Scinta, BURA,
Theresa Farrell, BURA, Art Hall, BURA,
Megan Fisher, BURA, Susan Schulman, Bflo News

2.0 Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. Commissioner Estrich made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the February 26, 2018 meeting, seconded by Mr. Mehaffy and carried unanimously.

3.0 **CDBG**

3a. Transfer of 493 and 499 Michigan, 12 Arsenal and 14 Arsenal from the City of Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency to the City of Buffalo

BURA Board members approved a request for authorization to convey title to 493 Michigan, 499 Michigan 12 Arsenal and 14 Arsenal (Property) from the City of Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency (“Agency”) to the City of Buffalo (“City”) for One Dollar (\$1.00) and no more subject to Common Council approval. The Property consists of a parking lot and green space and was acquired by the Agency in April 2005 for the purposes of furthering the goals and objectives of the Michigan Street Heritage Corridor. The Property shares the southern property line with 509 Michigan Street, a vacant commercial building, previously transferred by the Agency to the City. The transfer will reduce the Agency’s carrying costs and liability related to the Property. The Property was acquired with Community Development Block Grant Funds (“CDBG”) and therefore the City will be required to comply with all CDBG regulatory requirements as to continued use, including but not limited to public notice of any proposed change of use. The Agency’s Executive Director shall also be authorized to execute any necessary documents to effectuate the transfer of the Property, subject to Agency General Counsel review. The transfer is also subject to any necessary approvals as determined by the City of Buffalo to accept the conveyance of the Property.

Council President Pridgen made the motion to approve Item 4a, seconded by Council Member Scanlon and carried unanimously.

4.0 DIVISION REPORTS

4a,b,c BURA Housing, FCA & Community Planning Updates (Informational Only)

The Division of Housing, Financial Control of Agencies and Planning provided general updates of their division activities to the BURA Board Members. Presentations were made by Director Yvonne McCray, Division of Housing, Tracy Cooley, Deputy Director for Financial Control of Agencies (“FCA”), and Keith Lucas, Director of Planning.

5.0 TABLED ITEMS

Mr. Mehaffy made a motion to take item 5c off the table, seconded by Commissioner Estrich and carried unanimously.

5c. Allocation of Non-Federal Funds to the 501(c)(3) Not For Profit Corporation BURA Inc.

BURA Board members approved a request to authorize the Allocation of non-federal funds to the 501(c)(3) not for profit Corporation, BURA Inc. BURA staffing services will be provided to BURA Inc. for a period of twelve (12) months in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Mr. Mehaffy made the motion to approve item 5c, seconded by Council Member Scanlon and passed with a vote of 4 in favor (Mr. Ball, Mr. Mehaffy, Council Member Scanlon, and Council Member Golombek) and 3 abstentions (Mayor Brown, Council President Pridgen and Commissioner Estrich.

There being no further business to discuss, Council Member Scanlon made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Ball and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Scott C. Billman, Secretary

Reported by:
Risë Geller