

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

MEETING DATE: September 27, 2018

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

SECRETARY: Scott C. Billman

OTHERS PRESENT: Nona Watson, BURA Executive Director,
Yvonne McCray, BURA Director of Housing
Tracy Cooley, FCA BURA Deputy Director
Brenda Durfee, BURA, Maria Scinta, BURA,
Carley Mealey, BURA, Theresa Farrell, BURA
Mike Riegel, Belmont Housing, Pastor Tim Hogan, Elim CDC

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 9:40 am. Commissioner Estrich made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the August 28, 2018 meeting, seconded by Council Member Scanlon and carried unanimously.

3. HOME

- 3a. Belmont Housing Resources for WNY, Inc. - Developer, Elim CDC of Buffalo, Inc. - Co-Developer**
BURA Board Members approved a request to allocate \$925,000 in HOME funds for the project of which \$900,000 will be allocated to the developer or an entity formed by the developer for the specific purpose of the completion of the project at 129 Holden Street. \$25,000 will be allocated for project delivery costs. Elim Townhomes will be located on 2.23 acres of a Brownfield remediated site at the corner of the former Central Park Plaza, immediately adjacent to the Highland Park Village development. The \$10.7 million dollar project involves the new infill construction of 5 townhome style buildings consisting of 30 affordable housing units. Upon completion, there will be thirteen 2-bedroom units, thirteen 3-bedroom units and four 4-bedroom units, including 5 accessible units for persons with mobility and/or hearing and vision impairments. All units will be affordable with 5 being HOME assisted.

Council President Darius Pridgen made the motion to approve Item 3a, seconded by Mr. Mehaffy and carried unanimously.

4.0 HOME/CDBG FUNDS

- 4a. Agreements between the City of Buffalo and the City of Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency for CDBG and HOME Program Administration**
BURA Board Members approved a request to enter into agreements with the City of Buffalo for administration, implementation and management of the HOME and CDBG federal funded programs by BURA. The agreements were filed with the Common Council on September 13, 2018 and approved on September 18, 2018. Execution of the agreements by BURA will be subject to finalization of the agreements by City of Buffalo Corporation Counsel

and BURA General Counsel. The CDBG and HOME agreements are similar in form and substance to the agreements that were previously reviewed and approved by HUD. The contracts have a term of three (3) years.

Mr. Mehaffy made the motion to approve Item 4a, seconded by Mr. Bonifacio and carried unanimously.

5. DIVISION REPORTS

5a. Agenda Item 5a,b,c - BURA Housing and Planning Updates (Informational Only)

General update presentations for their division were made by Director Yvonne McCray, Division of Housing and Keith Lucas, Director of Planning.

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

Respectfully submitted,

By:



Scott C. Billman, Secretary

Reported by:
Risë Geller