

**City Of Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency  
Loan Committee Meeting  
Loan Committee Meeting Minutes for April 8, 2020**

**1. MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Brendan Mehaffy, Vice Chair  
Council President Darius Pridgen  
Commissioner Donna Estrich  
Tim Ball, Corporation Counsel

**STAFF PRESENT**

Scott C. Billman, Yvonne McCray, Tracy Cooley,  
Risë Geller, Theresa Farrell, Dan Muscarella  
Leslie Vishwanath, Joanne Kearns, Rob Gilray,  
Gina Granville, Pam Walker-Jarmon, Anthony Chestnut,

**2. Reading of the Minutes**

Mr. Mehaffy called the meeting to order at 11:05 am. Council President Pridgen made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the March 8, 2020 Loan Committee meeting, and that they are accepted; seconded by Mr. Ball and carried unanimously.

**3. Housing Action Items**

**3a. Mt. Aaron Village**

The BURA Loan Committee is requesting to allocate \$800,000 in HOME funds for the project. The funds will be allocated to the co-developers or an entity to be formed by the co-developers for the specific purpose of the completion of the project at 695 Genesee Street. Mt. Aaron Village is a \$20.4 million dollar project that involves the new construction of townhomes and multi-family apartment buildings on nineteen (19) vacant residential lots on Adams, Genesee and Grey Streets that are currently owned by the City of Buffalo and Buffalo Economic Renaissance Corporation. The project will consist of 59 units in four multi-family rental buildings. Of the four, one will be a three-story building with 16 one-bedroom units and 27 two-bedroom units. The other three buildings will have a total of 16 two-story, three bedroom townhomes. Eighteen (18) units will be set aside for homeless households that include a head of household with a substance abuse disorder or mental illness and their children. Five (5) units will be fully accessible and three (3) units made available for sensory impaired tenants. All units will be affordable to households with incomes at or below 60% of Area Median Income. ten (10) units will be designated as HOME assisted.

**Council President Pridgen made a motion to approve item 3a and recommend to the full board, seconded by Mr. Ball and carried unanimously.**

**4. HOUSING DEPARTMENT REPORT - INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

Housing Director Yvonne McCray provided a status report.

**5. FCA LOAN DEPARTMENT REPORT - INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

FCA Deputy Director Tracy Cooley provided a status report.

**6. Adjournment**

Commissioner Estrich made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 am, seconded by Mr. Ball and carried unanimously.

*I agree, and it is my intent, to sign this document by inserting herein my signature on the date indicated and electronically submitting this document from my email address on record with the City of Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency. I understand that my signing and submitting this document in this fashion is the legal equivalent of having placed my handwritten signature on the submitted document and this affirmation. I understand and agree that by electronically signing and submitting this document in this fashion I am affirming to the truth of the information contained therein.*

Approved,

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Scott C. Billman, General Counsel

Submitted,

Risë Geller  
Reported by: Risë Geller