

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

REMOTE MEETING VIA WebEx Conference Call

MEETING DATE: July 23, 2020

1. MEMBERS PRESENT: Council President Darius Pridgen
Brendan R. Mehaffy, BURA Vice Chairman
Commissioner Donna Estrich
Timothy Ball, Corporation Counsel
Council Member Joseph Golombek
Council Member Christopher Scanlon

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Mayor Byron Brown, BURA Chairman

SECRETARY: Scott C. Billman

OTHERS PRESENT: Yvonne McCray, BURA Director of Housing, Tracy Cooley BURA Deputy Director of FCA, Jessica Brown Director of Administration & Finance, Theresa Farrell, Carley Mealey, Dan Muscarella, Tony Chestnut, Leslie Vishwanath, Pam Walker-Jarmon, Evelyn Rodriguez, Bill Parke, Bishop Badger

2. Mr. Mehaffy called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. The BURA Board will waive the reading of the minutes of the April 23, 2020 and the May 28, 2020 minutes and will take action on such minutes at the August 27, 2020 meeting.

3. HOME FUNDS

Agenda Item 3a - Main Utica Square Apartments 1373 Main Street, Bethesda Community Dev. Corp. -Developer

The BURA Board approved a request to allocate \$1,086,960.00 in HOME funds for the Main Utica Square Apartments project. The funds will be allocated to the developer or an entity formed by the developer for the specific purpose of the completion of the project at 1373 Main Street. Main Utica Square Apartments involves the adaptive reuse and conversion of the vacant second floor of this commercial structure into six (6) HOME assisted rental units. This project will consist of a mix of four (4) one-bedroom and two (2) two-bedroom apartments and the first floor will remain as commercial space. Rents will be affordable to households whose annual income is at or below 80% of Area Median, with two (2) units targeted to persons whose household income does not exceed 50% of AMI. Phase I renovations to the building will include exterior masonry restoration, repointing mortar joints, aluminum entrance and store front installations, double hung windows, door hardware, glass and glazing as; well as hollow metal doors and frames, HVAC and restrooms throughout the building. A small parking area will also be provided for the residents. Located at the Corner of Main Street and E. Utica, allows for access to the Main-Utica NFTA Metro Rail station and is accessible by several bus lines along Main Street.

Motion made by Council President Pridgen to approve Item 3a, seconded by Corporation Counsel Tim Ball and carried unanimously.

4. DIVISION REPORTS (INFORMATIONAL ONLY)

Agenda Item 4 a and b - BURA Housing and FCA (Informational Only)

Director Yvonne McCray, Division of Housing and Tracy Cooley, Deputy Director of FCA provided Divisional reports to the Board.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Estrich made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Ball and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 am

Scott C. Billman
BURA Secretary

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