

# SYRACUSE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

## Meeting Minutes

I, PAUL DRISCOLL, do hereby certify as follows:

1. I am the duly designated and acting Secretary of the Syracuse Urban Renewal Agency (the "Agency").
2. I attended a regular meeting of the Agency, held in the Conference Room of the Mayor's Office at City Hall, Syracuse, New York on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.
3. The meeting was convened at approximately 2:35 p.m., and a duly constituted quorum consisting of Mayor Stephanie A. Miner and David DelVecchio were present throughout. Van Robinson was absent from the meeting. In addition to myself, Assistant Corporation Counsel Thomas Babilon, Katelyn Wright, Andy Maxwell, Kate Auwaerter, Susannah Bartlett and Dian Sherwood were present.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Kate Auwaerter spoke regarding a memorandum she submitted to the Agency requesting permission to apply for an NEA grant relating to Perseverance Park. Kate said the application was for a design competition and there would be a Connective Corridor match. Mayor Miner made a motion to approve submission of the application. David Delvecchio seconded the motion. Permission to apply for the grant was thereafter unanimously approved.

## GENERAL

### Resolution No. 3183

Authorizing an Agreement with the County of Onondaga to provide funding in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for certain renovations to the Onondaga County Mundy Branch Library.

Following the introduction and discussion of this resolution, Mayor Miner made a motion to authorize the resolution, which was seconded by David DelVecchio. Resolution No. 3183 was thereafter unanimously adopted.

### Resolution No. 3184

Resolution authorizing the acquisition of 618 West Brighton Avenue from the Estate of George Rothery. Following the introduction of this resolution, Tom Babilon stated that this was discussed at the December meeting and that title had been cleared. Since the time that this was discussed the decision has been made to concentrate on the north area of the Elmwood property

and this property is in the south area. After some further discussion, Mayor Miner made a motion to authorize the resolution, which was seconded by David DelVecchio. Resolution No. 3184 was thereafter unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 3185**

Resolution authorizing the acquisition of 176 Bishop Avenue from the City of Syracuse. Following the introduction and discussion of this matter, Katelyn Wright discussed the condition of all of the properties in the Elmwood – North area including this property. Mayor Miner advised to not go farther than she feels the Agency can handle to ensure that this is a successful project. Mayor Miner made a motion to authorize the resolution, which was seconded by David DelVecchio. Resolution No. 3185 was thereafter unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 3186**

Resolution authorizing the acquisition of 127 Bishop Avenue from the City of Syracuse. Mayor Miner made a motion to authorize the resolution, which was seconded by David DelVecchio. Resolution No. 3186 was thereafter unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 3187**

Resolution authorizing the acquisition of 144-146 Bishop Avenue from the City of Syracuse. Mayor Miner made a motion to authorize the resolution, which was seconded by David DelVecchio. Resolution No. 3187 was thereafter unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 3188**

Resolution authorizing the acquisition of 170 Bishop Avenue from the City of Syracuse. Mayor Miner made a motion to authorize the resolution, which was seconded by David DelVecchio. Resolution No. 3188 was thereafter unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 3189**

Resolution authorizing the acquisition of 178 Bishop Avenue from the City of Syracuse. Mayor Miner made a motion to authorize the resolution, which was seconded by David DelVecchio. Resolution No. 3189 was thereafter unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 3190**

Resolution authorizing the disposal of 440-442 Rich Street to the highest recorded bidder at auction for less than fair market value. Tom Babilon advised the Board members that the auction of this property was held yesterday, February 13, 2012 and the winning bid was for \$151.00. The appraisal for the property was \$3,150.00. Mr. Babilon said that he felt that this appraisal was high and that the proposal from the winning bidder did include fencing and sidewalk repairs on the property. Mayor Miner made a motion to authorize the resolution, which was seconded by David DelVecchio. Resolution No. 3190 was thereafter unanimously adopted.

### **Resolution No. 3191**

Resolution authorizing the disposal of 426 Rich Street to the highest recorded bidder at auction for less than fair market value. Tom Babilon said that this was also auction yesterday and that the same bidder had the highest bid for this property. The plan also included the sidewalk and fence and was also appraised at the same value of \$3150.00. The winning bid was again \$151.00. Mayor Miner made a motion to authorize the resolution, which was seconded by David DelVecchio. Resolution No. 3191 was thereafter unanimously adopted.

### **Resolution No. 3192**

Resolution authorizing the disposal of 430 Elliott Street to the highest recorded bidder at an auction and for less than fair market value. Tom Babilon informed the Board members that this is a one family house and the bidder has agreed to bring the property up to code within one year of the date of sale. The winning bid amount is \$3,000 and the appraisal came in at \$10,000. The winning bidder has worked on other properties within the City of Syracuse and has done good work in the past. Mayor Miner made a motion to authorize the resolution, which was seconded by David DelVecchio. Resolution No. 3192 was thereafter unanimously adopted.

### **Other Business**

Water bills on dollar houses and lots received from the City of Syracuse: I asked if the Agency can request that the Water Department waive the fees for these properties. Mayor Miner agreed that the agency should make the request to the Water Department.

County Tax Liens on Legacy Properties: The Agency has requested the County waive the tax liens, the total of which is approximately \$62,000. The Board was informed that discussions with the County are ongoing.

Public Art and Rehab Plan for Perseverance Park: This item was discussed earlier in the meeting when the request to apply for a grant was discussed and approved.

Tom Babilon updated that Board with information relative to the special meeting held on January 31, 2012 relative to setting limits on access to Agency owned properties. Tom Babilon has found that the Parks Department has hours of 9AM to 10PM and that we may have to modify the resolution to reflect these hours relative to Perseverance Park. Mayor Miner asked if the Chief had the rules yet. Tom Babilon said no, and that the Parks Department rules also indicate no selling of items and no alcohol on the premises. Mayor Miner asked Mr. Babilon to forward these rules to Chief Fowler so that he can share the information with the Occupy Syracuse group and that no documents should be executed until this has been done.

David Delvecchio discussed with the Board members the Agency's Workers Compensation policy. Mr. Delvecchio said that he was approached by a company to assist in changing the current policy in exchange for a percentage of the savings of the Agency. Tom Babilon indicated that he will look at the proposal. Mr. DeVecchio added that it would not cost us anything to look into this. Mayor Miner asked what the Agency currently pays for its Workers Compensation policy. David

Delvecchio stated that the Agency pays about \$50,000 per year and it covers a variety of employees, a large portion of the expense is for those Agency employees that are at the Parks Department and non-desk jobs that are more expensive to insure.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

**SYRACUSE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY**

By:   
**Paul Driscoll, Secretary**

I, **PAUL DRISCOLL**, the duly appointed, qualified and acting secretary of the Syracuse Urban Renewal Agency (the "*Agency*"), hereby certify that:

1. The foregoing is a true, correct and complete copy of the record of proceedings of the Agency had and taken at a lawful meeting of the Agency held at City Hall, Syracuse, New York on February 14, 2012, commencing at approximately 2:35 p.m. as recorded in the regular official book of the proceedings of the Agency; those proceedings were duly had and taken as shown therein, and the persons named therein were present at the meeting as shown therein.
2. All members of the Agency were duly notified of that meeting, pursuant to law.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have signed this Certificate this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.



**Paul Driscoll**  
**Secretary**