

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR A PLAN REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF THE VIADUCT PORTION OF I-81 AND REINVENTION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD THEREAFTER TO BE COMMISSIONED BY THE SYRACUSE HOUSING AUTHORITY

WHEREAS the Syracuse Housing Authority (hereinafter "SHA") has requested financial assistance with the completion of a plan regarding the construction phase for the viaduct portion of I-81 and reinvention of the neighborhood thereafter (hereinafter the "Plan") as further described in correspondence from SHA to Mayor Stephanie Miner dated June 8, 2015 and attached hereto as Appendix "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Assistant Executive Director of SHA has indicated by email that SHA has received other third party commitments totaling One-Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Dollars (\$185,000.00) towards the Plan, a copy of that Email is attached hereto as Appendix "B"; and

WHEREAS, the Syracuse Urban Renewal Agency (hereinafter "SURA") desires to allocate Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) of SURA's unrestricted funds for the Plan (hereinafter the "Funds").

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the confirmation of the Treasure of SURA that SURA has Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) in unrestricted funds available for use for the Plan that SURA shall allocated and restrict the Funds to be used for the Plan.

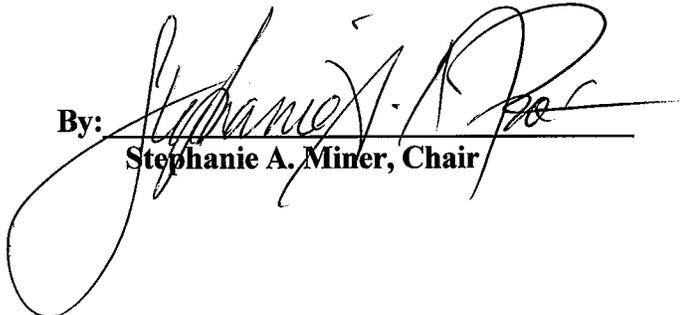
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers, agents and employees of SURA are hereby directed to proceed to do such further things, or perform such further acts, as are necessary to implement this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SURA authorizes an agreement with SHA for disbursement of the Funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Agreement authorized by this resolution shall be in a form that shall be satisfactory to SURA counsel; and following such approval by counsel, the Chair shall be authorized to execute said agreement.

DATED: as of July 28, 2015

SYRACUSE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

By: 

Stephanie A. Miner, Chair

Appendix "A"



SYRACUSE HOUSING AUTHORITY
Building Neighborhoods. Growing Dreams.

June 8, 2012

Honorable Stephanie Miner
Mayor
City of Syracuse
230 City Hall
233 East Washington Street

Andrew
Paul
PHI

Dear Mayor Miner:

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have deemed the viaduct portion of Interstate 81 through the city of Syracuse to be at its useful life end. In April 2015 the NYSDOT issued its final scoping report with design alternatives which will be explored further in the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) phase.

Regardless of the project decision, all work will result in immediate impacts upon the Syracuse Housing Authority, property it owns, and the residents it houses. These include: the demolition the SHA Central Administration Building and the Central Warehouse (both located within the footprint of the viaduct); the possible demolition of Public Housing units within Pioneer Homes; and access, emergency access, and quality of living during construction will be affected for 260 households in Pioneer Homes and for 308 households in Toomey Abbott Tower.

These impacts will require the Syracuse Housing Authority to have a plan for the construction phase and for the reinvention of the neighborhood afterward. As such, the Syracuse Housing Authority is undertaking a leading stakeholder position in response to this imminent project by engaging national consultants to assist in developing a Transformative Master Plan for the properties it owns, and will be engaging other stakeholders in defining a broader plan for the entire impact along the 1.2 mile viaduct.

SHA is seeking funding assistance for this process from NYS, HUD, FWHA, and other local grant sources. It is expected that the 24 month engagement of consultants from planning to implementation will cost \$450,000. This planning response is hopeful to define the following:

- 1) Construction and design of a new Central Administration Facility which will also be mixed-use: including commercial space; a service center for other non-profit services; a day-care center; and possibly house a Syracuse City School district pre-K program as well.
- 2) A neighborhood reinvigoration and re-design for the nearly ½ mile section in which Public Housing property sits on either side of the highway. There will be a review of the housing density, relocation options for housing units through new construction elsewhere, possible construction period relocation of current tenants, and capital funding options for a mixed-income/mixed-use redesign of a nearly 12 square block area.
- 3) Collaborative interaction with stakeholders groups inclusive of, but not restricted to:
 - a) City of Syracuse, County of Onondaga and all elected Federal and State Officials

- b) Upstate Medical University, VA Hospital – Syracuse, Syracuse University, SUNY ESF, Crouse Hospital, SUNY EOC, SCHC, University Hill Corporation and Centerstate CEO.
 - c) Citywide Council of Low-Income Residents, Toomey Abbott Tower Tenant Organization, Pioneer Homes Tenant Organization.
- 4) Description of all Mitigating Factors for project approval and a plan to address these especially as they concern the Syracuse Housing Authority property, residents, and community.
 - 5) Securing of the financial resources to implement the Transformative Master Plan.

I am reaching out to you at this time, as I am reaching out to other stakeholders and government entities to solicit funds to assist in paying for these consultants and this process. If I can answer any questions you may have, please feel free to give me a call at 315-470-4216.

As always, thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



William J. Simmons
Executive Director

Cc. Paul Driscoll, Commissioner, Neighborhood and Business Development

Appendix "B"

Babilon, Thomas R.

To: Driscoll, Paul
Subject: RE: SHA Land Use Study

From: David Paccone [<mailto:DPaccone@syrhousing.org>]
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 3:26 PM
To: Driscoll, Paul
Subject: RE: SHA Land Use Study

Paul,

My apologies on not replying quickly on this. Seemed to get buried in my folders.

Here is the list of current contributors, applications made, and those entities that have promised support and we are still working on amounts with:

- 1) Syracuse Housing Authority - \$100,000
- 2) Neighborhood Innovations - \$15,000
- 3) Allyn Foundation – Application in for \$30,000
- 4) Onondaga County Economic Development – Application – Economic Growth Fund - \$20,000
- 5) Community Foundation – Application being submitted for \$20,000
- 6) Centerstate CEO
- 7) Senator John DeFrancisco
- 8) University Hill Corporation
- 9) Upstate Medical University
- 10) Syracuse University
- 11) Onondaga County – County Executive Office

Hope that helps.

David

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Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 3:16 PM