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## Syracuse Urban Renewal Agency

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### Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday June 27, 2017  
3:00 pm  
Mayor's Conference Room

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**Board Members Present:** Mayor Stephanie A. Miner, Vice-Chair Van Robinson, Treasurer David Delvecchio

**Staff Present:** Kate Auwaerter, Paul Driscoll, Owen Kerney, Meghan Ryan, Esq.

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#### I. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Miner called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

#### II. Roll Call

Mayor Miner noted all Board members were present.

#### III. Proof of Notice

Mayor Miner acknowledged notice of the meeting had been timely and properly provided.

#### IV. Minutes

Mayor Miner asked for a motion to accept or amend the minutes from the May 23, 2017 Board of Directors meeting. Vice-Chair Van Robinson made a motion to accept the minutes. Dave Delvecchio seconded the motion. All Board members present unanimously approved the minutes from the May 23, 2017 Board of Directors meeting.

#### V. New Business

##### 1) Resolution No. 3391

Resolution No. 3391 authorizing personnel changes with the Syracuse Urban Renewal Agency was introduced by Meghan Ryan. Ms. Ryan advised that the personnel changes include newly hired personnel, termination of positions when an individual leaves, and salary and/or positions changes. Mayor Miner noted that some positions are funded through grants. Vice-Chair Robinson inquired if the individual in Neighborhood and Business Development (NBD) responsible for minority affairs can keep up with all the work. Paul Driscoll stated that there is assistance from within NBD that is supported through a block grant but there is a need for additional help. Mayor Miner asked for a motion on the Resolution. Dave Delvecchio made a motion to approve the Resolution which was seconded by Vice-Chair Van Robinson. Resolution No. 3391 authorizing personnel changes with the Syracuse Urban Renewal Agency was thereafter unanimously approved by all Board members present.

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### **VI. Items for Discussion**

#### **1) Perseverance Park – New Urban Space Project Update**

Kate Auwaerter, the City's Public Art Coordinator, and Owen Kerney updated the Board on the New Urban Space Project. Ms. Auwaerter advised that the Project Committee is concerned with the overall price of the Project and has come up with some new ways to reduce the cost. Ms. Auwaerter advised that the Committee has come up with a plan to shrink the footprint of Perseverance Park, create programming and establish long-term maintenance. The idea is to split the park in half by limiting one half to creative design and the other half available for development. The Committee would work with NBD and SURA to come up with plans for development. Ms. Auwaerter anticipates sending a Request for Proposals (RFP) in the fall for the economic development portion. The Committee's proposed plan would cut down cost while maintaining the overall intent of the Project. The designers originally picked for the Project will continue with this new plan and will make adjustments to the original design. Ms. Auwaerter explained that if the SURA Board is in favor of the Committee's new plan then the project can continue in this new direction and seek the Board's approvals as necessary moving forward. She advised that it is the intent to move forward with the Park portion first. Mr. Kerney advised that the projected completion date is by the end of 2018. He also advised that the parking lot adjacent to Perseverance Park will remain. The Board was in favor of this new plan and would like it to move along.

### **VII. Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Miner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chair Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Delvecchio seconded the motion. All Board members present unanimously approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:24 p.m.