SYRACUSE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2016
3pm, Mayor's Conference Room

I, PAUL DRISCOLL, do hereby certify as follows:

1. I am the duly designated and acting secretary of the Syracuse Urban Renewal Agency (hereinafter "SURA")

2. I attended the regular meeting of the Agency, held in the conference room of the Mayor's Office at City Hall, Syracuse, NY on the 28th day of June, 2016.

3. The notes reflect that the meeting was convened at approximately 3:04p.m., and a duly constituted quorum consisting of the Chair Stephanie Miner and Treasurer David DelVecchio were present throughout. In addition to me, also in attendance were Assistant Corporation Counsel Meghan Ryan and Public Art Coordinator Kate Auwaerter, Director of Policy and Innovation Andrew Maxwell, and Neighborhood Projects Coordinator Lindsay Speicher.

CORRESPONDENCE

-none

GENERAL

Resolution No. 3369

Resolution 3369, authorizing the release of certain deed and contract restrictions related to the project located at 444 East Genesee St. was introduced. Per the recommendation of Assistant Corporation Counsel Meghan Ryan, the resolution was held and will be reviewed again at the July 2016 board meeting.

Resolution No. 3370

Resolution 3370, authorizing the waiver of certain purchase and development application fees related to the transfer of a vacant parcel of real property to Christopher Community, Inc. was introduced. After some discussion Mayor Miner made a motion to authorize the resolution, which was seconded by Dave Delvecchio. Resolution 3370 was thereafter unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 3371

Resolution 3371, authorizing the Syracuse Urban Renewal Agency to apply for funds from Empire State Development and the Environmental Protection Funds Grant Program for Parks, Preservation and Heritage through New York State's Consolidated Funding Application, accept the funds, and enter into agreements for the receipt of the funds was introduced. After some discussion Mayor Miner made a motion to authorize the resolution, which was seconded by Dave Delvecchio. Resolution 3371 was thereafter unanimously adopted.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

-The board discussed the possible transfer of Perseverance Park to the City of Syracuse in order to bond and execute contracts for the next phase of the New Urban Space Project. The board pointed out that if the property is transferred to the City, it would then be subject to the City's set debt limits for bonding as well. Phase II (construction drawing phase) can begin even if the property is owned by SURA, but to bond, it will need to be transferred. The board concluded the transfer would be beneficial to the project and the transfer process should be explored further.

- The board discussed a potential agreement with the Central New York Community Foundation, Inc. to create a fund to support expenses for the project at Perseverance Park. This would be an escrow account to keep funds separate. The board expressed their general support for such an agreement and will review a formal resolution allowing this at the July 2016 board meeting. .

-The board discussed the creation of a website for the New Urban Space Project at Perseverance Park. The cost of the website will be paid for by remaining money from phase I already designated for engagement activities related to the Park project from the CNY Community Foundation.

-The board discussed a letter received from Cooperative Federal credit Union regarding past due funds from NBD. After some research, NBD fiscal staff located approximately $12,000 to be used for this purpose, which the board expressed support for.

OTHER BUSINESS

-none

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:28 pm

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By: _____

Paul Driscoll, Secretary

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

1. The foregoing is a true, correct and complete copy of the record of the proceedings of Agency, taken at a lawful meeting of SURA held at City Hall, Syracuse New York on June 28th 2016 commencing at approximately 3:04 p.m. as recorded in the regular official book of the proceedings of SURA; those proceedings were duly had and taken as known therein, and the persons named therein were present at the meeting as is shown therein.

2. All members of SURA were duly notified of that meeting, pursuant to law.

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Paul Driscoll, Secretary