
Syracuse Urban Renewal Agency

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Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday August 28, 2018
3:00 pm
Mayor's Conference Room

Board Members Present: Mayor Ben Walsh, Vice-Chair Helen Hudson, Treasurer David Delvecchio

Staff Present: Stephanie Pasquale, Debra Ramsey-Burns, Meghan Ryan, Esq.

I. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Walsh called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Mayor Walsh noted all Board members were present.

III. Proof of Notice

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

IV. Minutes

Meghan Ryan advised the Board that the draft minutes, under the discussion item pertaining to the Perseverance Park Update, states that there have been discussions with the Department of Economic Development to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP), should be corrected to state Department of Neighborhood and Business Development, Economic Development. Mayor Walsh then asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the April 24, 2018 Board of Directors meeting with that correction. Ms. Hudson made a motion to accept the minutes with that correction. Mr. Delvecchio seconded the motion. **ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 24, 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.**

V. New Business

1) Resolution No. 3404

Resolution No. 3404 authorizing the procurement of appraisal services from Copeland & Copeland, Inc. was introduced to the Board by Ms. Ryan. Ms. Ryan advised the Board that SURA is looking to dispose of the following five properties: 178 Bishop Avenue, 176 Bishop Avenue, 215 Fitch Street, 177-79 East Bissell Street and 2400-02 South Salina Street. The Land Bank is interested in purchasing all five properties. The properties have to be appraised before they are sold at auction. Written quotations were solicited from five different appraisers. The only response to the request for a written quotation for appraisals was from Copeland & Copeland, Inc. Ms. Ryan advised that Copeland agreed to appraise all five properties for a total of \$1,875.00. Mayor Walsh inquired if the City uses Copeland. Ms. Pasquale advised that

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Copeland is reasonably priced. Mayor Walsh also inquired why the Land Bank is interested in these properties. Ms. Pasquale said that over the years the Land Bank has packaged lots so they will sell. Ms. Hudson said she knows of some of these properties as they are located in the South Corridor and asked for SURA to review potential properties over the entire Corridor. Ms. Pasquale said that it is a good idea to meet with the Land Bank to discuss any plans they have for properties in the South Corridor of the City. Ms. Ryan advised that the properties will be sold at a public auction so if there are others interested in the properties, not just the Land Bank, they will have the opportunity to apply to SURA to purchase them and attend the auction to bid. SURA pays property taxes on properties it owns. Ms. Ryan advised that this resolution authorizes SURA's Contracting Officer to enter into the contract with Copeland & Copeland, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,875.00 on SURA's behalf. Mayor Walsh asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 3404 authorizing the procurement of appraisal services from Copeland & Copeland, Inc. Mr. Delvecchio made the motion. Ms. Hudson seconded the motion. **ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 3404 AUTHORIZING THE PROCUREMENT OF APPRAISAL SERVICES FROM COPELAND & COPELAND, INC.**

VI. Items for Discussion

1) Perseverance Park Update

Ms. Pasquale stated that she hopes to have a solid plan for Perseverance Park to bring to the Board at the September meeting.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Walsh asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Delvecchio made the motion. Ms. Hudson seconded the motion. **ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 3:15 P.M.**