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## Syracuse Urban Renewal Agency

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### Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday September 27, 2016  
3:00 pm  
Mayor's Conference Room

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**Board Members Present:** Mayor Stephanie A. Miner, David Delvecchio

**Staff Present:** Carrie Reilly, Meghan Ryan, Esq.

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#### I. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Miner called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

#### II. Roll Call

Mayor Miner noted all Board members were present except for Vice-Chair Van Robinson and Secretary Paul Driscoll, who were absent.

#### III. Proof of Notice

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

#### IV. Minutes

Mayor Miner made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 23, 2016 Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Delvecchio seconded the motion. All Board members present unanimously approved the minutes from the August 23, 2016 Board of Directors meeting.

#### V. New Business

##### 1) **Resolution No. 3378**

Resolution 3378 authorizing the disposal of 350 Pond Street to the highest recorded bidder at auction for less than fair market value was introduced. Meghan Ryan explained that the highest bidder at auction was Christopher Community, Inc., owner of the Bishop Harrison Senior Apartments on Pond Street, which is adjacent to 350 Pond Street. Ms. Ryan advised that Christopher Community, Inc. intends to keep the property vacant and use it as an additional side yard to the apartments. Ms. Ryan also advised the Board that the appraised value of 350 Pond Street is in excess of \$6,000.00. Mayor Miner made a motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Mr. Delvecchio. Resolution 3378 was thereafter unanimously adopted.

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### **2) Resolution No. 3379**

Meghan Ryan explained to the Board that it came to her recent attention that Original Grain, a new restaurant on South Salina Street in Downtown Syracuse, planned a fitness event at Perseverance Park on September 30<sup>th</sup> 2016. Meghan Ryan explained that Original Grain will need to provide a certificate of insurance, sign a license agreement with SURA and have participants sign waivers. Mayor Miner made a motion to approve a resolution based on the facts provided by Ms. Ryan and subject to the same conditions and requirements the Board has approved for past fitness events at Perseverance Park. The motion was seconded by Mr. Delvecchio. The resolution, to be called Resolution No. 3379, was thereafter unanimously adopted.

## **VI. Items for Discussion**

### **1) Request to Place Café Tables and Chairs at Perseverance Park**

Meghan Ryan introduced a request from a Downtown Syracuse business, Original Grain, to place café tables and chairs at Perseverance Park for the public to use. Mayor Miner indicated that she was in favor of allowing the business to do so as long as SURA received payment. Ms. Ryan recommended that SURA could lease an area of Perseverance Park to Original Grain and suggested using the same requirements the City of Syracuse uses to issue sidewalk café permits to come up with a lease amount, seasonal timeframe, and other conditions. The Board agreed that additional information was needed from the business in order to complete the transaction. Ms. Ryan will reach out to the business for the necessary additional information. The Board agreed that once the additional information is received they will review it at an upcoming meeting.

## **VII. Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Miner 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 3:13 pm.