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UTICA HARBOR POINT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 19, 2017

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Harbor Point Development Corporation (the “LDC”) was held in the Mayor’s Conference Room at Utica City Hall. Present at the meeting were members Chairman Vin Gilroy, Brian Thomas, Councilman Jack LoMedico, Councilwoman Samantha Colosimo-Testa, Mary Brown-DePass, Evon Ervin and Barbara Brodock. Also present was Jack Spaeth, Paul Romano, Allison Damiano-DeTraglia, Lisa Nagle, Jim Buswell and Mayor Palmieri.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM by Board Chairman Vin Gilroy. The first item on the agenda was approval of the minutes from the February 15, 2017 meeting. Ms. Brown-DePass made a motion that the minutes from said meeting be approved; Councilman LoMedico seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by all in attendance.

The next order of business was an update on the project partners. Ms. Nagle detailed the status of discussions with various partners including NYS DEC, Jones Chemical, National Grid and NYS DOT.

The next order of business was an update on design and engineering. Mr. Romano and Ms. Nagle indicated that conversations are ongoing with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). They stated that SHPO is in agreement with the proposed design of the bulkhead walls and that they have concurred with the plan to demolish the garage and paint shed. However, they also stated that SHPO has determined that the 1917 and 1933 buildings need to remain in place and that any future renovation to either building needs to be reviewed and approved by SHPO. Mr. Romano added that the Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Council has accepted the first phase URI application for just over \$6 million for the replacement of the bulkhead walls and that the head of Empire State Development, Howard Zemsky

promoted the project when in town recently. Given the likelihood of the project possibly moving forward, Chairman Gilroy indicated that he would initiate discussions with a consortium of banks in order to establish a larger line of credit from the collective banks.

The next order of business was an update on property acquisition. Chairman Gilroy noted that a full report was expected at the May meeting of the LDC.

Under Old Business/New Business, Ms. Nagle discussed a proposed contract between the LDC and Elan which would include a scope of services that includes advancing the design of the closure of DSA-1 and provide for \$200,000 for CME to perform geotechnical work along with funding for Bob Murray, Attorney with Harris-Beach to represent the LDC in matters for which the City's Corporation Counsel's office could not due to a potential or real conflict of interest.

On a motion by Councilwoman Colosimo-Testa, seconded by Mr. Thomas and unanimously approved by all the voting members, the Board agreed to adjourn at 4:45 PM.