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UTICA HARBOR POINT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 15, 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, Mike Pezzolanella, Steve DiMeo and Barbara Brodock. Also present was Jack Spaeth, Paul Romano, Cat Manion, Lisa Nagle, Chris Mercurio and Kate Hartnett. Calling in to the meeting was newly appointed Board member Diane Benedetto, representing National Grid.

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 PM by Board Chairman Vin Gilroy. The first item on the agenda was approval of the minutes from the November 16, 2016 meeting. Mr. Thomas made a motion that the minutes from said meeting be approved; Ms. Ervin seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by all in attendance.

The next order of business was review and approval of the budget for the 2017 – 2018 year, which was presented in detail by Mr. Spaeth and Mr. Romano. During the presentation, Councilwoman Colosimo-Testa asked that the budget note that the Development Corporation has received a \$1M line of credit from NBT Bank; she also asked that the budget indicate that the Corporation had not received any revenue or incurred any expenses within the 2016 – 2017 budget year. Mr. Spaeth indicated that he would add those notations to the budget. With that change, Councilman LoMedico made a motion that the budget be approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brodock and unanimously approved by all in attendance.

The next order of business was an update on design and engineering. Mr. Romano and Ms. Nagle

indicated that they had met with NYS DOT who will begin working on the design of the connectivity improvements (to be funded w/federal funds secured by Senator Schumer) in 2018 with construction expected in 2019.

Ms. Nagle discussed minor adjustments to roadway alignment as it heads south from the Wurz Avenue entrance. Consultant team is looking at different layout which would improve north-south access. She also noted that the team continues to work with the State Historic Preservation Office on a draft preservation plan and resulting Programmatic Agreement. Work continues on the design of the new bulkhead wall and it was noted that improving the bulkhead walls would significantly help to address flooding issues.

The next order of business was an update on the project partners. Ms. Nagle noted that a land disposition agreement is being drafted with input from Bob Murray that would allow for the access necessary to construct a road to the dredge spoils area. Ms. Nagle also informed the Board that she had met earlier with representatives of National Grid (NG), through the assistance of Ms. Benedetto, and was able to get an update on their process. She indicated that NG is close to making parcels 7, 8 and 9 available for possible lease. As far as the other parcels owned by NG in the proposed recreational area, she said that NG is at least 5 years away from being able to market those properties given that dredging of the Mohawk River still needs to be done.

The next order of business was an update on possible property acquisitions. At the suggestion of Chairman Gilroy, a motion was made by Mr. Thomas to go into Executive Session for further discussion on these matters. The motion was seconded by Councilman LoMedico and unanimously approved by all voting members at 4:57 PM. At 5:29 PM, Mr. Thomas made a motion to exit Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brown-DePass and unanimously approved by all voting members.

The Board agreed to hold its next regular meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2017. On a motion by Mr. Pezzolanella, seconded by Ms. Brown-DePass and unanimously approved by all the voting members, the Board agreed to adjourn at 5:29 PM.