

**CITY OF UTICA URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 17, 2014
1 KENNEDY PLAZA, UTICA, NEW YORK 13502**

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Mike Mahoney, Joan Harris, Samantha Colosimo-Testa Phil Montana, Ed Bucciero

OTHERS ATTENDING: Gene Allen, Joe Hobika, Sr.

EXCUSED: Fred Matrulli, Mayor Palmieri

CALL TO ORDER: By Gene Allen at 9:30 AM

ITEM # 1 Approval of Agency Minutes

Joan Harris made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 20, 2014 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously.

ITEM #2 1315 Taylor Avenue

An offer was received from Christopher CM Jones & Roseann Jones in the amount of \$250.00 for the property located at 1315 Taylor.

Mike Mahoney made a motion to designate Christopher CM Jones & Roseann Jones as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 1315 Taylor Ave. with the condition that all applicable codes are complied and any necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. Also, that all back taxes are made current. The motion was seconded by Phil Montana and passed unanimously.

ITEM #3 1308 & 1310 Seymour Avenue

An offer was received from Vannary Mey in the amount of \$10,050.00 for the property located at 1308 & 1310 Seymour Ave. The bidder plans to renovate for primary residence and maintain the lot for green space. A second offer was received from Ruben Tepan in the amount of \$12,000, the bidder plans to renovate for primary residence and maintain the lot for green space. A third offer was received from Juan C. Ramos in the amount of \$7,000, the bidder plans to renovate for primary residence and maintain the lot for green space. A fourth offer was received from Rimaz Aliin the amount of \$5,000, the bidder plans to renovate for primary residence and maintain the lot for green space.

A motion was made to go into executive session and passed unanimously

ITEM #4 Transfer of Funds

The following transfer of funds needs Agency approval:

From: CU58620 471 Urban Renewal-Miscellaneous \$3,750.00

To: CU58620 407 Urban Renewal-Advertising \$3,750.00

Explanation: Transfer within cost centers to provide funding to cover payments to WFXV and WPNY for City Limits advertising to the end of the 2013-2014 budget years.

Mike Mahoney made a motion to approve the transfer, there was no second.

Ed Bucciero made a motion to table the request pending further explanation of the nature of the transfer as to why it was needed in relation to the original budget and how much was originally budgeted. The motion was seconded by Phil Montana and passed unanimously.

ITEM #5 1116 Churchill Avenue

An offer was received from The Rocker Group, LLC in the amount of \$6,280.00 for the property located at 1116 Churchill Ave. The bidder plans to renovate for income property.

Samantha Colosimo-Testa made a motion to designate The Rocker Group, LLC as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 1116 Churchill Ave. with the condition that all applicable

codes are complied with and any necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. The motion was seconded by Phil Montana and passed unanimously.

ITEM #6 1025 Brayton Park Place

An offer was received from Longin & Lyubou Brishchuk. in the amount of \$10,500.00 for the property located at 1025 Brayton Park Pl. The bidder plans to renovate for primary residence. A second offer was received from An offer was received from Raymond Mendez. in the amount of \$5,000.00, the bidder plans to renovate for primary residence. A third offer was received from Vasily Kuzmich. in the amount of \$6,500.00, the bidder plans to renovate for income property.

Joan Harris made a motion to designate Longin & Lyubou Brishchuk as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 1025 Brayton Park Place with the condition that all applicable codes are complied with and any necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously.

ITEM #7 1213 & 1215 Brinkerhoff Avenue

An offer was received from Juan C. Ramos in the amount of \$20,000 for the property located at 1213 & 1219 Brinkerhoff. The bidder plans to renovate a portion of the property for primary residence and the remainder for income property. The bidder plans to landscape the adjacent property. A second was received from Quentiqua Jackson in the amount of \$4,300, the bidder plans to renovate for income property. The bidder plans to landscape the adjacent property. A third offer was received from Zandio Alvarez in the amount of \$3,000, the bidder plans to renovate a portion of the property for primary residence and the remainder for income property. The bidder plans to landscape the adjacent property. A fourth offer was received from Rosa Tapia in the amount of \$2,500, the bidder plans to renovate a portion of the property for primary residence and the remainder for income property. The bidder plans to landscape the adjacent property.

A motion was made to go into executive session and passed unanimously

ITEM #8 305 Leah Street

An offer was received from Yejelin Burdier in the amount of \$250.00 for the property located at 305 Leah Street. The bidder plans to landscape and create parking for her adjacent property.

Joan Harris made a motion to designate Yejelin Burdier as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 305 Leah Street with the condition that all applicable codes are complied with and any necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. The motion was seconded by Samantha Colosimo-Testa and passed unanimously.

ITEM #9 717 Albany Street

An offer was received from Donald Grant in the amount of \$5,000 for the property located at 717 Albany Street. The bidder plans to renovate a portion of the property for primary residence and the remainder for income property.

A motion was made to go into executive session and passed unanimously

ITEM #10 1220, 1224 & 1226 Brinkerhoff Avenue

An offer was received from Kristine Goff in the amount of \$750.00 for the property located at 1220, 1224 & 1226 Brinkerhoff Avenue. The bidder plans to fence & landscape the property.

Samantha Colosimo-Testa made a motion to designate Kristine Goff as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 1220, 1224 & 1226 Brinkerhoff with the condition that all applicable codes are complied with and any necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously.

ITEM #11 734 Roberts Street

An offer was received from Juan Pena in the amount of \$1,000 for the property located at 734 Roberts. The bidder plans to renovate a portion of the property for primary residence and the remainder for income property.

Samantha Colosimo-Testa made a motion to designate Juan Pena as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 734 Roberts with the condition that all applicable codes are complied with and any necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. The motion was seconded by Phil Montana and passed unanimously.

ITEM #12 1208 Churchill Avenue

An offer was received from James Engler Jr. (the former owner) in the amount of \$15,000 for the property located at 1208 Churchill Avenue. Joe Hobika requested he raise his offer to \$16,500 to cover additional expenses of the agency in relation to the acquiring this property. Mr. Engler agreed to raise his offer to \$16,500. The bidder plans continue having his son remain in the property as a primary residence and the remainder for income property. It was suggested the owner request two copies of the tax bill – one sent to the residence and one sent directly to him. A second offer was received from Murat Dzinic in the amount of \$28,000, the bidder plans to renovate the property for income property. A third offer was received from Khunay Tee in the amount of \$20,000, the bidder plans to renovate the property for primary Residence. A fourth offer was received from Maksim Verenich, Tatyana Selyuzhitskaya in the amount of \$29,350, the bidder plans to renovate the property for primary Residence.

A motion was made to go into executive session and passed unanimously

ITEM #13 8 Floyd Street

An offer was received from Cindy Mahoney in the amount of \$3,000 for the property located at 8 Floyd St. The bidder plans to renovate a portion of the property for income property. Gene Allen reminded the bidder that the former owner does have the permission of the Agency to remove personal items from the home under the supervision of the Agency employees only.

Mike Mahoney made a motion to designate Cindy Mahoney as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 8 Floyd Street with the condition that all applicable codes are complied with and any necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. He asked that it be noted in the minutes that he is not related to Cindy Mahoney in any way. The motion was seconded by Phil Montana and passed unanimously.

ITEM #14 1535 Sunset Avenue

An offer was received from Hour Heng in the amount of \$750.00 for the property located at 1535 Sunset Ave. The bidder plans to landscape and create parking for his adjacent property.

Phil Montana made a motion to designate Hour Heng as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 1535 Sunset Ave with the condition that all applicable codes are complied with and any necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. The motion was seconded by Phil Montana and passed unanimously

ITEM #15 740 Jay Street

An offer was received from Bajro Smajic in the amount of \$3,000 for the property located at 740 Jay Street. The bidder plans to renovate a the property for income property

Samantha Colosimo-Testa made a motion to designate Bajro Smajic as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 740 Jay Street with the condition that all applicable codes are complied with and any necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously.

ITEM #16 1124 Orchard Street

An offer was received from William & Emily Murdock in the amount of \$1,000 for the property located at 1124 Orchard Street. The bidder plans to renovate a the property for income property

Phil Montana made a motion to designate William & Emily Murdock as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 1124 Orchard Street with the condition that all applicable codes are complied with and any necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously

ITEM #17 1523 Kemble Street

An offer was received from Beatriz Fernandez in the amount of \$7,500 for the property located at 1523 Kemble Street. The bidder plans to renovate the property for income property. A second offer was received from Rafael Blanco/Obdulia Blanco in the amount of \$9,500, the bidder places to renovate for income property. Due to an error on properties owned by one of the bidders the board wanted to go into executive session.

A motion was made to go into executive session and passed unanimously.

ITEM #18 740 Catherine Street & 742 Catherine Street

An offer was received from Robert Singletary in the amount of \$1,250 for the property located at 740 Catherine Street. The bidder plans to renovate the property for income property.

Phil Montana made a motion to reject Robert Singletary as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 740 Catherine Street. The motion was seconded by Joan Harris and passed unanimously.

ITEM #19 Executive Session

Mike Mahoney made a motion to go into Executive Session 11:05a.m. The motion was seconded by Phil Montana and passed unanimously.

ITEM #20 1308 -1310 Seymour Avenue

Joan Harris made a motion to designate Vannary Mey as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 1308 & 1310 Seymour Ave with the condition that all applicable codes are complied with and any necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. The motion was seconded by Phil Montana and passed unanimously.

ITEM #21 1213 & 1215 Brinckerhoff Avenue

Mike Mahoney made a motion to designate Juan C. Ramos as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 1213 & 1219 Brinckerhoff with the condition that all applicable codes are complied with and any necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. Also, that the bidder must be a primary resident at the completion of the project to receive a Certificate of completion from the Urban Renewal Agency. The motion was seconded by Joan Harris and passed unanimously.

ITEM #22 717 Albany Street

Mike Mahoney made a motion to designate Donald Grant as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 717 Albany with the condition that all applicable codes are complied with and any necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. Also, that the bidder must be a primary resident at the completion of the project to receive a Certificate of completion from the Urban Renewal Agency. The motion was seconded by Phil Montana and passed unanimously.

ITEM #23 1208 Churchill Avenue

Mike Mahoney made a motion to designate James Engler Jr. as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 1208 Churchill with the condition that all applicable codes are complied with and any necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. The motion was seconded by Phil Montana and passed unanimously.

ITEM #21 Adjournment

Phil Montana made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:33a.m. The motion was seconded by Joan Harris and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted this 1st day of May, 2014
Gene A. Allen