

**CITY OF UTICA URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 11, 2015
1 KENNEDY PLAZA, UTICA, NEW YORK 13502**

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Mike Mahoney, Joan Harris, Fred Matrulli, Dave Farina, Ed Bucciero

OTHERS ATTENDING: Derek Crossman, Andy Brindisi, Brian Thomas, Joe Hobika, Sr., Gene Allen,

EXCUSED: Samantha Colosimo-Testa
Mayor Palmieri

CALL TO ORDER: By Brian Thomas at 9:07AM

ITEM # 1 Approval of Agency Minutes

Fred Matrulli made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 28, 2015 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Dave Farina and passed unanimously.

ITEM #2 Irish Cultural Center

Vaughn Lang was present with Peter Karl to make a presentation to the Board with regards to the status of the project. Mr. Lang informed that the original timeline that he established with the Board is on schedule. He met the first deadline (which was June 11th) to present the renderings of the building. The first floor of the building would be event space, restaurant (Irish Pub) and outdoor space. The second floor space would be the Cultural Center. The entire building is 18,000 square feet. The next step is for Mr. Lang to present the construction documents. The deadline for those is August 1, 2015. Joe Hobika, Sr. stated that in addition to the timeline set forth there will be a written agreement which will set forth the rights and responsibilities of both parties.

ITEM #3 1632 West Street

An offer was received from Salina Billins in the amount of \$12,600.00 for the property located at 1632 West Street. The bidder plans to renovate for primary residence.

Fred Matrulli made a motion to designate Salina Billins as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 162 West 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 Dave Farina and passed unanimously.

ITEM #4 Strong Man Competition – Temporary License Agreement

Joe Hobika, Sr. drafted a Temporary License Agreement for the Strong Man Competition that is to take place on August 22, 2015 on property owned by the URA on Whitesboro Street. The event will last one day and they will only be using a small portion of the property the URA owns. The Board members were sent the Agreement via e-mail prior to the meeting so that they could review it. Joe summarized the agreement and entertained a few questions from the Board members.

Fred Matrulli made a motion to accept the Temporary License Agreement for the Strong Man Competition. The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously.

ITEM #5 928 Saratoga Street

An offer was received from Noel Philibert in the amount of \$11,000.00 for the property at 928 Steuben Street. The bidder plans to renovate for income property.

Fred Matrulli made a motion to designate the Noel Philibert as a qualified and

eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 928 Saratoga 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 Ed Bucciero and passed unanimously.

ITEM #6 710 Nichols Street

An offer was received from James Buswell in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the property at 710 Nichols Street. The bidder plans to renovate for income property.

Fred Matrulli made a motion to designate James Buswell as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 710 Nichols 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 Dave Farina and passed unanimously.

ITEM #7 Portion of 318.8-1-52./1 Water Street

An offer was received from Howard Potter (Potters Property Management) in the amount of \$2,500.00 for a .73 acre portion of 318.8-1-52./1 Water Street. The bidder plans to construct a building on the property to expand his existing business located next to this property.

Mike Mahoney made a motion to designate Howard Potter (Potters Property Management) as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of a .73 acre portion of 318.8-1-52./1 Water 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 Joan Harris and passed unanimously.

ITEM #8 30 Scott Street

An offer was received from Selandy Girard in the amount of \$250.00 for the property at 30 Scott Street. The bidder plans to fence, landscape and create parking for her adjacent property.

Fred Matrulli made a motion to designate Selandy Girard as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 30 Scott 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. Also, that she consolidates the properties and meets all zoning requirements. The motion was seconded by Ed Bucciero and passed unanimously.

ITEM #9 24 Grant Street

An offer was received from UNHS HomeOwnershipCenter in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the property located at 24 Grant Street. The bidder plans to renovate for income property. A second offer was received from Jose D. Gomez Fernandez for the amount of \$3,000.00 to renovate for primary residence.

Mike Mahoney made a motion to designate UNHS HomeOwnershipCenter as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 24 Grant 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 Dave Farina and passed unanimously.

ITEM #10 Adjournment

Mike Mahoney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:22A.M. The motion was seconded by Ed Bucciero and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted this 25th day of June, 2015
Cathy Mack