

UTICA HARBOR POINT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 25, 2014

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Harbor Point Local Development Corporation (the “LDC”), held at the Utica City Hall in the City of Utica, New York, on the 25th day of February 2014. Present at the meeting were LDC members Mary Brown-DePass, Joseph M. Johnson, Brian Thomas, John Fiume (via, tele-conference), Vincent Gilroy, Edward Bucciero, Chris Salatino, also present were ex-officio members of the Board Steven J. Dimeo, Councilwoman Samantha Colosimo-Testa and Michael A. Arcuri. Also present Nicholas Bruno, Tim Fitzgerald and Fred Arcuri from Mohawk Valley Edge, Mayor Robert Palmieri and Jack Spaeth of the City of Utica, Paul Romano, Alison Damiano-DeTraglia, Nancy Pattarini, Jeri Tatich and Zuzana Blaise representing the consultants. The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Chairman Vincent Gilroy and the reading of the minutes was waived.

Alison Damiano-DeTraglia, representing the consultant Elan, made the first presentation on the proposal being put forward by the consultants for the development of Harbor Point. Upon completion of her presentation, Jeri Tatich, also part of the Elan consultant team, made his presentation on what the Harbor Project would like and how the phasing in of the project could take place. Mr. Tatich outlined the consultants’ view of dividing the development into three individual sequential phases. The consultants suggested selecting the area immediately adjacent to the Harbor as Phase I and outlined a general water based multiuse purpose for the development that area. The Consultants

suggested development of the early phases of the project in such a way as to allow for parking close to the Harbor to make the area as easily accessible and to subsequently move the parking further away from the Harbor as the project became more popular and more of the areas were necessary for developed.

There was then a discussion of how to best divide the project into phases and what should be included in Phase I. Board Member Steve DiMeo requested that the consultants provide the Board with overlap maps reflecting Phase I, Phase II and Phase III of the project as they envisioned it.

Questions were then raised and discussion followed regarding whether the buildings presently occupied and used by the Canal Corporation would be knocked down, moved or left where they are presently located. A discussion ensued as to whether it would be best to move, use or attempt to knock down the 1816 Building on the North Side of the Canal. It was then agreed that a request would be made of the State Historic Preservation Office (“SHIIPPO”) for an opinion as to whether the LDC would even be allowed to knock the building down or move it .

The topic of how and when the purchase of nearby parcels should be approached, in an effort to control the development of the Project. It was pointed out that grants for the purchase of these properties were available and that some money was available in the grants already awarded to the LDC for the purchase of this property.

The last point discussed was what specific type of sports field, entertainment facility and/or recreation should be the priority and where would it be placed and how would it fit into the development of the Harbor project and in what Phase.

At 4:55 p.m. a motion was made by Chris Salatino, seconded by Mary Brown-DePass to adjourn. The motion was unanimously carried.

Date: February ____, 2014

Joseph Johnson, Secretary
Utica Harbor Point Development Corporation