

**City Of Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency
Loan Committee Meeting
Loan Committee Meeting Minutes for May 15, 2014**

1.0 Members Present

Brendan Mehaffy, Vice Chairman
Council President Darius Pridgen
Commissioner Donna Estrich
Timothy Ball, Corporation Counsel

Staff Present

Scott C. Billman
Risë Geller
Thomas Baines
Tremeeka Norman

2.0 Reading Of The Minutes

Mr. Mehaffy called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm. Mr. Ball the motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the April 3, 2014 and the May 1, 2014 meeting, and that they are accepted; seconded by Commissioner Estrich and carried unanimously.

3.0 Housing Department Action Items

53 Earl Place - Emergency Roof Program And Additional Repairs

Homeowner applied to the emergency roof repair program in March of 2014. Belmont has completed the inspection of the property and reports that there are a couple of issues beyond the roofing to be addressed. The lower porch decking is badly deteriorated under the middle support column and the front porch stair railing doesn't meet code. The railings from the 2nd floor porch need to be replaced, the flat roof, it is also recommended that these railings be replaced. While these repairs are technically beyond the scope of the emergency roofing program, correcting these conditions as part of the program will be consistent with the intent of the program to deal with health and safety related repairs. The Division of Housing Loan Committee recommends approval of this request.

Mr. Ball made a motion to approve this request for emergency roof repair, seconded by Commissioner Estrich, and carried unanimously.

112 Eaton Street - Emergency Roof Program And Additional Repairs

Homeowner of 112 Eaton Street, applied to the emergency roofing program in March 2014. Belmont reports that in addition to the roof repair, the front porch needs new decking and new supports in one corner which would add approx. \$4,000 to the cost of repairs. While these repairs are technically beyond the scope of the emergency roofing program, correcting these conditions as part of the program will be consistent with the intent of the program to deal with health and safety related repairs. The Division of Housing Loan Committee recommends approval of this request.

Commissioner Estrich made a motion to approve this request for emergency roof repair, seconded by Mr. Ball, and carried unanimously.

135 Folger - Request For Waiver Of The Life Estate Policy, Emergency Roof Repair

Homeowners and their son, occupy the two family property at 135 Folger. The property has been owned by the family since 1957. OSP policy does not provide for assistance to property held under a life estate. Homeowner is requesting that OSP waive the Life Estate policy to allow them to apply the Emergency Roof Repair Program. All other program guidelines will apply. The Division of Housing Loan Committee recommends approval of this request.

Mr. Ball made a motion to approve this request for emergency roof repair, seconded by Commissioner Estrich, and carried unanimously.

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208 French - Request for Loan Restructuring

Homeowner was employed with an income sufficient to support monthly payments at the time she applied for a loan. Homeowner became disabled and her income was reduced. Homeowner is now entitled to Social Security which further reduces her income to less than 25% of area median. Due to the decrease in income the homeowner is having a difficult time making payments and requests that the loan be restructured to require occupancy only with forgiveness at the end of the term. The Division of Housing Loan Committee recommends approval of this request.

Commissioner Estrich made a motion to approve this request for Loan Restructuring, seconded by Mr. Mehaffy and carried unanimously.

3c. PUSH MACH Funding and BURA Soils Policy

A discussion took place regarding the PUSH Funding. Director of Housing Yvonne McCray presented the committee with a PowerPoint Demonstration regarding the HOME Program Residential Rehabilitation Cost Analysis and Comparison. Council President Pridgen suggested to have each Council District reviewed in the same manner as the HOME Projects are.

Council President Pridgen made a motion to table this item in order for the Housing Department to gather additional information, seconded by Mr. Ball and carried unanimously.

BURA Soils Policy

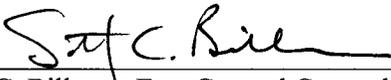
The Committee suggested amending the Soil Policy.

Mr. Ball made a motion to amend and clarify the BURA Soils Policy to apply only to property and projects that BURA is funding, seconded by Commissioner Estrich and carried unanimously.

4.0 Adjournment

Council President Pridgen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 pm, seconded by Mr. Ball and carried unanimously.

Approved,



Scott C. Billmart, Esq. General Counsel