# TOWN OF UNION LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022

## SYNOPSIS OF MEETING

The Town of Union Local Development Corporation remotely met for a regular meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2022 via Cisco Webex video conferencing from various sites.

# I. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Trichka, Diane Julian, Gary Leighton,

James Peduto, Mary O'Malley-Trumble,

**Timothy Strong** 

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeffrey L'Amoreaux

OTHERS PRESENT: Rosemarie Pope (LDC Board Attorney)

Richard Materese (Town Supervisor)
Gina Middleton (Coughlin & Gerhart)

STAFF PRESENT: Joseph Moody (LDC Director), Robin Shimer (Admin. Asst.)

## II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the regular LDC Board Meeting of March 24, 2022 were reviewed and approved, as written.

Motion:

Tim Strong

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>:

Gary Leighton

Motion:

To approve the regular LDC Board Meeting Minutes of

March 24, 2022, as written.

Vote:

Motion approved [6 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Absent, 0 - Abstain]

### III. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Trichka extended a warm welcome to all meeting attendees.

## IV. DIRECTOR'S REMARKS

Director Moody referenced the meeting topics for Board consideration.

### V. OLD BUSINESS

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mr. Moody presented for LDC Board members a draft proposal for discussion by Mr. Timothy Connolly of North & Main Street Development, LLC. Mr. Connolly has inquired about the potential use of Town of Union LDC American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funds for the purpose of assisting in demolition, environmental testing, remediation, and abatements of blighted buildings. The entire parcel has a number of addresses and includes at least two slums & blighted buildings referred to as the laundromat and potato factory.

Deadlines on the use of ARPA funds are as follows: December 31, 2024 for the commitment of funds, and December 31, 2026 for the spending of funds

The completion of thorough discussion resulted in the LDC Board's general support for Mr. Connolly's application to submit an ARPA grant fund request to the Town of Union LDC. Support for application reflects backing only for the submittal of an application, and does not indicate or express Board approval of grant funding at this time.

Mr. Moody then provided an update concerning Broome County allocation of ARPA funds in the original amount of \$1,090,000. The Town of Union may now be providing half of that original amount/\$545,000 in Town ARPA funds for the SEPP in-fill mixed-use project at 121-125 Washington Avenue. Mr. Moody also mentioned the \$350,000.00 in BC ARPA funds for 749 West Main Street for the vacant motel now owned by Om Shirdi Sai, LLC. Mr. Moody will be seeking LDC board approval to sign any proposed agreements with Broome County after Ms. Pope reviews the documents.

### VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Mr. Moody presented the LDC Loan Portfolio Monthly Report for April.

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. President Trichka asked if there were other topics for discussion. Due to there being no topics for further review, he then requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion:

Mary O'Malley-Trumble

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>:

Diane Julian

Motion:

To adjourn the regular LDC Board meeting of April 21, 2022.

Vote:

Motion approved [6 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Absent, 0 - Abstain].

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Mood

Director