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<u>Buffalo Urban Development Corporation</u> <u>Annual Board of Directors Meeting</u>

Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2023
Time: Immediately Following the Annual Meeting of the Members

New Location: Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics & Life Sciences
701 Ellicott Street, 2nd Floor -- The Event Space Conference Room B2-205
Buffalo, NY 14203

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 READING OF THE MINUTES (Action) (Enclosure)

3.0 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS (Enclosure)

- 3.1 683 Northland Master Tenant, LLC Financial Statements (Information)
- 3.2 BUDC Consolidated Financial Statements (Action)

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 4.1 2023-2024 Election of Officers (Action) (Enclosure)
- 4.2 Appointment of Citizen Board Members (Action) (Enclosure)
- 4.3 2023-2024 Board Committee Appointments (Action) (Enclosure)
- 4.4 Ralph C. Wilson Centennial Park Fifth Amendment to BUDC- City of Buffalo Wilson Foundation Subgrant Agreement (Action)(Enclosure)
- 4.5 Buffalo's Race For Place Downtown Waterfront Improvement Plan MIG Contract Extension (Action)(Enclosure)
- 4.6 Buffalo's Race For Place Project for Public Spaces Electrical Contractor Agreement (Action) (Enclosure)
- 4.7 BBRP Loan Program Loan Termination Agreement (Action)(Enclosure)
- 4.8 Buffalo Lakeside Commerce Park Exclusivity Agreement with Savarino Companies Relating to 193 Ship Canal Parkway (Action)(Enclosure)
- 4.9 Buffalo Lakeside Commerce Park Update (Information)
- 4.10 Buffalo's Race For Place Update (Information)
- 4.11 Northland Corridor Project Update (Information)

5.0 LATE FILES

6.0 TABLED ITEMS

7.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

8.0 ADJOURNMENT (Action)

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of Buffalo Urban Development Corporation

Center for Excellence in Bioinformatics & Life Sciences
701 Ellicott Street, 2nd Floor—The Event Space Conference Room B2-205
<u>Buffalo, New York 14203</u>

April 25, 2023 12:00 p.m.

Directors Present:

Catherine Amdur Scott Bylewski Daniel Castle Janique S. Curry Dennis W. Elsenbeck Darby Fishkin Thomas Halligan Elizabeth Holden Thomas A. Kucharski Kimberley A. Minkel David J. Nasca Karen Utz

Directors Absent:

Mayor Byron W. Brown (Chair)
Trina Burruss
Dottie Gallagher
Nathan Marton
Brendan R. Mehaffy
Dennis M. Penman (Vice Chair)(attended via Zoom)
Darius G. Pridgen

Officers Present:

Brandye Merriweather, President Rebecca Gandour, Executive Vice President Mollie M. Profic, Treasurer Kevin J. Zanner, Secretary Atiga Abidi, Assistant Treasurer

<u>Guests Present</u>: John Cleary, Gilbane Building Company; Jonathan Epstein, *Buffalo News*; Alexis M. Florczak, Hurwitz Fine P.C.; Soma Hawramee, ECIDA Compliance Officer; Brian Krygier, Director of IT, ECIDA; and Antonio Parker, BUDC Project Manager.

- **Roll Call** The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by Ms. Minkel who served as chair of the meeting. The Secretary called the roll of directors and a quorum of the Board was determined to be present. Ms. Fishkin joined the meeting during the presentation of item 3.1. Ms. Curry joined the meeting during the presentation of item 4.4.
- **2.0** Approval of Minutes Meeting of March 28, 2023 The minutes of the March 28, 2023 meeting of the Board of Directors were presented. Mr. Halligan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nasca and unanimously carried (10-0-0).

3.0 Monthly Financial Reports — Ms. Profic presented for information purposes the financial statements for 683 Northland Master Tenant, LLC for the period ending March 31, 2023. She then presented the consolidated financial statements for BUDC and its affiliates, 683 Northland LLC and 683 WTC, LLC for the period ending March 31, 2023. Ms. Profic also reported that the KeyBank construction for the 683 Northland project has been paid in full. In response to a question from Mr. Nasca, Ms. Profic explained the reporting of pass-through grant revenue on BUDC's consolidated financial statements. Mr. Bylewski made a motion to accept the BUDC consolidated financial statements. The motion was seconded by Ms. Utz and unanimously carried (11-0-0).

4.0 New Business

- 4.1 Northland Beltline Corridor Update Ms. Gandour presented the Northland Beltline Corridor update. At its April board meeting, the Empire State Development Board of Directors approved a \$1.8 million grant to BUDC for the microgrid system and a \$55 million grant for the Northland Corridor Redevelopment Area. BUDC and LaBella Associates have executed an agreement for architecture, engineering, inspection and grant administration services for the Phase 3 Northland Redevelopment project. A kick-off meeting with LaBella Associates was held on April 11th and the consultant presented an overview of the project at the April 20th meeting of the Real Estate Committee. A meeting of the Northland stakeholder advisory committee will be convened on May 10th to discuss the project. Spring clean-up at Northland is ongoing, and staff has been working with the City to seek reimbursement of costs for the snow dumping that occurred at 612 Northland and adjacent lots. Ms. Gandour noted that while there has been some interest in the former SparkCharge space, no formal offers to lease the space have been received. Following the update, Mr. Elsenbeck asked whether the City's streetscape plans for Delavan Avenue include increasing underground conduit capacity for future utility needs. Ms. Gandour indicated she would discuss this question with DPW.
- 4.2 Waterfront/ Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park Project Update Mr. Parker introduced John Cleary from Gilbane Building Company to present an update regarding the Ralph Wilson Park project. Mr. Cleary provided an overview of the three scopes of work for Phase 1 construction of the Park, which consists of the bridge, park core and marine bid packages. The bridge steel package will be awarded in the next week and will be the first package awarded due to long lead times for steel. The apparent low bidder for the pedestrian bridge work is an MBE. The apparent low bidder for the park core work, consisting of the sledding hill and ball field elements of the project, is a women-owned business enterprise. The marine scope of work includes shoreline excavation and plantings. Mr. Cleary commented that the park sustained considerable damage from the November and December 2022 winter storms and safety fencing has been installed around the park. A decision was made to close the park during construction and Gilbane is taking over safety logistics for the park. In response to a question from Ms. Minkel, Mr. Clearly clarified that shutdown of the park will not shorten the construction schedule.
- 4.3 BBRP / Buffalo's Race for Place Project Update Ms. Merriweather presented an update regarding Buffalo's Race for Place. Work on the Inner Harbor Public Realm study continues. A meeting will be held Friday, April 28th with DPW and the Parks department to discuss how real estate development will influence the public realm and to determine how the waterfront can better connect to neighborhoods and provide opportunities for the small business community, including women- and minority owned businesses. A public meeting will be held at the end of May regarding the public realm plan. BUDC is working with ESD regarding the agreement pertaining to Erie Street improvements. A test run of the lighting system for the library underpass was conducted last week. A request for proposals was issued to identify a contractor to install the lighting system. Ms. Merriweather also commented on BUDC efforts to assist the small business community and is working to identify ways to promote downtown and highlight small business.
- **4.4** <u>Buffalo Lakeside Commerce Park Project Update</u> Ms. Gandour presented an update regarding Buffalo Lakeside Commerce Park. Savarino has extended its exclusivity agreement for

80, 134,158 and 200 Ship Canal Parkway and is current on payments under the agreement. Savarino has identified some issues with TENORM on-site and is working with the NYSDEC to determine the extent of required mitigation work. Krog chose not to extend its exclusivity agreement for 193 Ship Canal Parkway. BUDC is working with Invest Buffalo Niagara to highlight 193 Ship Canal Parkway as a potential site of interest. Ms. Gandour reported that Ryan Herrell of Zephyr Investors provided an update at the April 20th Real Estate Committee meeting regarding phase 1 of Zephyr's project. The steel frame of the building was recently erected, and site utility work is progressing. Ms. Merriweather added that a request for qualifications was issued for M/WBE monitoring and compliance with respect to Zephyr's project, the cost of which will be paid by Zephyr. BUDC received eight proposals and has identified a short list of candidates that will be interviewed next week.

- 5.0 Late Files None.
- 6.0 Tabled Items None.
- 7.0 Executive Session None.
- **Adjournment** There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Mr. Kucharski, seconded by Ms. Amdur and unanimously carried (12-0-0), the April 25, 2023 meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,	
Kevin J. Zanner, Secreta	гу

683 Northland Master Tenant, LLC Financial Statements May 31, 2023 (Unaudited)

683 NORTHLAND MASTER TENANT, LLC Balance Sheet

ASSETS		May 2023		April 2023		December 2022
Current assets:	_				_	
Cash	\$	343,124	\$	533,411	\$	486,590
Tenant receivable		90,588		42,927		42,206
Prepaid expenses	_	42,526		53,831		115,882
Total current assets	-	476,238		630,169	-	644,678
Prepaid rent - sublessee		507,828		502,941		483,394
Prepaid leasing commission		177,483		179,710		188,616
Tenant security deposits		85,143		85,086		84,894
Cash reserves		347,596		347,362		356,575
Equipment, net		19,869		19,869		19,869
Right of use asset - Master Lease Agreement		27,688,639		27,833,720	1 22-	28,430,126
Total assets	\$_	29,302,796	\$	29,598,857	\$_	30,208,152
LIABILITIES & MEMBERS' EQUITY						
Current liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$	57,238	\$	52,362	\$	130,895
Due to related parties		254,935	•	254,935	•	254,935
Total current liabilities	-	312,173		307,297		385,830
Operating deficit loan		132,359		132,359		132,359
Tenant security deposits		84,850		84,850		84,850
Deferred operating lease liability - Master Lease Agreement		7,597,212		7,584,255		7,736,986
Deferred operating lease liability - sublessee		5,367,317		5,413,407		5,637,433
Distribution payable - priority return	-			238,207		238,207
Total noncurrent liabilities	-3	13,181,738	-	13,453,078		13,829,835
MEMBERS' EQUITY		15,808,885		15,838,482		15,992,487
Total liabilities and net position	\$_	29,302,796	\$_	29,598,857	\$ _	30,208,152

683 NORTHLAND MASTER TENANT, LLC Income Statement

Year-to-Date For the Period Ended:

	_	May 2023		April 2023	_	December 2022
Revenues:						
Lease revenue	\$	611,890	\$	489,512	\$	1,466,335
Additional lease revenue		304,770		238,940		753,037
Interest and other revenue	<u></u>	2,550		1,961	_	1,372
Total revenues		919,210		730,413		2,220,744
Expenses:						
Lease expense		806,889		648,852		1,879,742
Payroll		64,783		49,555		143,808
Utilities expense		(474)		(6,422)		85,089
Insurance expense		51,877		41,501		122,769
Professional fees		44,598		40,848		77,936
Property management fee		29,397		23,517		70,520
Real estate taxes		4,701		4,701		20,398
Repairs and maintenance		91,041		71,866		286,011
Asset management fee		10,000		10,000		10,000
Miscellaneous expense		-		-		318
Depreciation expense			_	-		5,056
Total expenses		1,102,812	-	884,418		2,701,647
Net loss		(183,602)		(154,005)		(480,903)
Members' equity - beginning of period		15,992,487	_	15,992,487		14,578,450
Change in members' equity		(183,602)		(154,005)		(480,903)
Members' capital contributions		-		-		2,091,098
Distributions		-		-		(196,158)
Members' equity - end of period	\$	15,808,885	\$	15,838,482	\$	15,992,487

683 NORTHLAND MASTER TENANT, LLC Statement of Cash Flows

Year-to-Date For the Period Ended:

	May 2023		April 2023	_	December 2022
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net loss	\$ (183,602) \$	(154,005)	\$	(480,903)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash					
provided by operating activities:					
Depreciation	-		•		5,056
Decrease (increase) in assets:					
Tenant receivables	(48,382)	•	(721)		32,479
Prepaid insurance	73,356		62,051		(9,220)
Accrued rental income	(24,434))	(19,547)		(57,085)
Prepaid leasing commission	11,133		8,906		29,322
Right of use asset - Master Lease Agreement	601,713		443,675		1,395,256
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:					
Security deposit liability	(70.000)		(20.500)		(4)
Accounts payable	(73,657)		(78,533)		(13,655)
Deferred operating lease liability - sublessee Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	(270,116)	_	(224,026)	-	(513,406)
net cash provided (used) by operating activities	86,011		37,800	_	387,840
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Equipment purchases	_				(18,390)
Net cash used by investing activities	-	_		-	(18,390)
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Members' contributions	-		-		2,091,098
Distibutions	(238,207)		-		(221,892)
Payments of prepaid rent under Master Lease Agreement	·	_			(1,869,206)
Net cash provided by financing activities	(238,207)	_	_	_	-
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(152,196)		37,800		369,450
Cash and restricted cash - beginning of period	928,059	_	928,059		558,609
Cash and restricted cash - end of period	\$ 775,863	\$	965,859	\$_	928,059

683 NORTHLAND MASTER TENANT, LLC **Budget to Actual Comparison**

	_	YTD May 2023	2	YTD Budget 2023	=	Variance
Revenues:						
Lease revenue	\$	611,890	\$	606,667	\$	5,223
Additional lease revenue		304,770		309,167		(4,397)
Interest and other revenue		2,550		104		2,446
Total revenues	-	919,210		915,938		3,273
Expenses:						
Lease expense		806,889		783,226		23,663
Payroll		64,783		69,208		(4,425)
Utilities		(474)		42,500		(42,974)
Insurance		51,877		52,917		(1,040)
Professional fees		44,598		28,208		16,390
Property management fee		29,397		30,417		(1,020)
Real estate taxes		4,701		10,833		(6,132)
Repairs and maintenance		91,041		108,750		(17,709)
Asset management fee		10,000		10,000		-
Miscellaneous		-		2,083		(2,083)
Depreciation		-		-		
Total expenses		1,102,812		1,138,143	_	(35,330)
Net income (loss)	\$	(183,602)	\$	(222,205)	\$	38,603

Budget variances:

- Additional rent represents amounts charged to tenants for common area maintenance (CAM) charges, insurance, etc.
- Utility costs are negative due to timing. Costs incurred must be paid by the Master Tenant, then billed back to the tenants in the following month based on leased area.
- Professional fees are above budget year-to-date because of timing (e.g. audit and tax prep fees).
 Repairs and maintenance includes building automation system costs, snow removal and landscaping.

Buffalo Urban Development Corporation
Consolidated Financial Statements
May 31, 2023
(Unaudited)

BUFFALO URBAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION Consolidated Statements of Net Position (Unaudited)

ASSETS	_	May 2023		April 2023	_	December 2022
Current assets:						
Cash	\$	20,621,598	\$	20,416,371	\$	20,354,669
Restricted cash		3,867,815		3,867,001		4,014,036
Grants receivable		42,246,624		42,022,989		32,183,206
Other current assets	_	5,920,978		6,181,081		6,230,118
Total current assets		72,657,016		72,487,441		62,782,029
Noncurrent assets:						
Loans receivable		9,666,400		9,666,400		9,666,400
Equity investment		178,051		178,051		178,051
Capital assets, net		103,052,253		103,390,445		104,743,214
Land and improvement held for sale, net		788,212		788,212		788,212
Total noncurrent assets		113,684,916	_	114,023,108		115,375,877
Total assets	\$	186,341,931	\$ =	186,510,549	\$ _	178,157,906
LIABILITIES						
Current liabilities:						
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	120,572	\$	155,354	\$	244,121
Lines of credit		677,158		677,158	•	677,158
Loans payable, current		369,750		369,750		1,001,167
Unearned grant revenue		64,678,217		64,164,200		53,843,821
Total current liabilities		65,845,697		65,366,462		55,766,267
Deferred rent liability		20,084,467		20,202,860		20,693,140
Loans payable, noncurrent	Version	13,730,000		13,730,000		14,099,750
Total noncurrent liabilities	-	33,814,467		33,932,860		34,792,890
NET POSITION						
Net investment in capital assets		89,740,715		90,078,907		90,430,509
Restricted		3,310,454		3,309,855		3,510,166
Unrestricted		(6,369,401)		(6,177,536)		(6,341,926)
Total net position	-	86,681,768		87,211,226	(1)	87,598,749
Total liabilities and net position	\$	186,341,931	\$_	186,510,549	\$_	178,157,906

Balance Sheet Notes:

- Cash increased mainly due to receipt of grant funds during the month.
- Grants receivable increased due to recording of new grants.
- Capital assets decrease is due to monthly depreciation expense.
- Lines of credit: balances at end of April are BUDC: \$0; 683 Northland: \$677,158. 683 Northland took no advances during the month and BUDC's line is currently paid down.
- Unearned grant revenue increased due to additional grant receivable net of recognized grant revenue.

BUFFALO URBAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION Consolidated Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position Year to Date (with Comparative Data) (Unaudited)

		May 2023	_	April 2023	e =	December 2022
Operating revenues:						
Grant revenue	\$	524,005	\$	429,404	\$	8,056,897
Brownfield funds		31,181		31,181		36,183
Loan interest and commitment fees		40,277		32,221		618,537
Rental and other revenue		1,768,117		1,599,075		9,024,458
Proceeds from sale of land, net		-		_		(440,604)
Total operating revenues		2,363,580		2,091,881		17,295,471
Operating expenses:						
Development costs		544,222		444,637		8,152,353
Adjustment to net realizable value		25,670		15,084		121,587
Salaries and benefits		167,496		132,086		384,460
General and administrative		852,026		536,925		1,678,689
Management fee		38,500		30,800		83,967
Depreciation		1,690,961		1,352,769		4,152,122
Total operating expenses	_	3,318,875	=	2,512,302	_	14,573,179
Operating income (loss)		(955,295)		(420,420)		2,722,292
Non-operating revenues (expenses):						
Loss on disposal		-		-		18,051
Interest expense		(67,872)		(58,891)		(782,784)
Interest income		63,874		49,477		18,966
Other income	_	-				(44,366)
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	_	(3,997)	_	(9,414)	-	(790,133)
Change in net position		(959,292)		(429,834)		1,932,159
Net position - beginning of period	_	87,598,749	_	87,598,749	_	85,318,266
Capital contributions, net of distributions		42,311		42,311		348,325
Net position - end of period	\$_	86,681,768	\$	87,211,226	\$_	87,598,749

BUFFALO URBAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION Consolidating Statement of Net Position May 31, 2023 (Unaudited)

	Buffalo Urban Development Corporation	683 WTC, LLC	683 Northiand LLC	Fliminations (1)	r eter
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash	\$ 20,597,636	9	\$ 23,902	· ·	\$ 20.621.598
Restricted cash	3,667,768	•	200,047	1	
Grants receivable	42,246,624	1	•		012,122,0 A2 246,624
Other current assets	7,799,611	26.833	132 359	(NCR 720 C)	42,240,024
Total current assets	74,311,640	26,893	356,307		
Noncurrent assets:					
Loans receivable	61,853,679	•	•	(52 187 279)	(1) 9 666 100
Equity investment	•	67,097,964	•		
Capital assets, net	8,402,866	•	94,649,387		103
Land and improvement held for sale, net	788,212			: 1	789 242
Total noncurrent assets	71,044,756	67,097,964	94,649,387	(119,107,192)	113,684,916
Total assets	\$ 145,356,396	\$ 67,124,856	\$ 95,005,695	\$ (121,145,016)	\$ 186,341,931
LIABILITIES Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable and accrued expense I he of credit	\$ 116,209	\$ 2,037,824	\$ 4,363	\$ (2,037,824) (1)\$	
Loans payable, current	369 750	•	677,158	I	677,158
Unearned grant revenue	64.678.217	• 1		ı	369,750
Total liabilities	65,164,176	2,037,824	681,521	(2,037,824)	65,845,697
Noncurrent liabilities:					
Deferred rent liability	•	•	20,084,467	1	20,084,467
Loans payable, noncurrent Total noncurrent liabilities		52,187,279	13,730,000	(52,187,279)	(1) 13,730,000
NET POSITION				(2,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1	0 t't
Net investment in capital assets	8,821,327		80.919.387		80 740 745
Restricted	3,310,454	1			3310.454
Unrestricted	68,060,439	12,899,753	(20,409,680)	(66,919,913)	(1) (6.369.401)
Total net position	80,192,220	12,899,753	60,509,707		"
Total liabilities and net position	\$ 145,356,396	\$ 67,124,856	\$ 95,005,695	(121,145,016)	\$ 186,341,931

(1) This represents activity between the entities to be eliminated for the consolidated financial statements.

BUFFALO URBAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION Consolidating Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position Year to Date: May 31, 2023 (Unaudited)

(1) This represents activity between the entities to be eliminated for the consolidated financial statements.

Year to Date: May 31, 2023 (Unaudited)

	YTD May 2023	YTD Budget 2023	Variance
Operating revenues:			
Grant revenue	\$ 524,005	\$ 15,689,583	\$ (15,165,578)
Brownfield funds	31,181	16,667	14,515
Loan interest and commitment fees	40,277	40,277	(0)
Rental and other revenue	1,768,117	825,151	942,967
Proceeds from land sales, net	-	82,375	(82,375)
Total operating revenues	2,363,580	16,654,053	(14,290,472)
Operating expenses:			
Development costs	544,222	13,294,650	(12,750,428)
Adjustment to net realizable value	25,670	-	25,670
Salaries and benefits	167,496	216,289	(48,793)
General and administrative	852,026	552,157	299,869
Management fee	38,500	36,250	2,250
Depreciation	1,690,961	1,700,417	(9,455)
Total operating expenses	3,318,875	15,799,763	(12,480,887)
Operating income (loss)	(955,295)	854,290	(1,809,585)
Non-operating revenues (expenses):			
Interest expense	(67,872)	(102,364)	34,492
Interest income	63,874	208	63,666
Other income			. <u> </u>
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	(3,997)	(102, 156)	98,158
Change in net position	\$(959,292)	\$752,134_	\$(1,711,426)

- Grant revenue relates mainly to Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park and Northland Solar Projects. The variance is due to lower grant revenue recognition than anticipated as a result of project timing.
- Rental and other revenue consists of recognition of prepaid rent income (straight-line basis) by 683 Northland LLC from 683 Northland Master Tenant, LLC, and rent income at properties other than 683 Northland Avenue. Also included is 2020 brownfield tax credit refund to 683 WTC, LLC of \$897,000, received in January.
- Development costs consist of property/project-related costs (e.g. consultants, operations and maintenance, legal and utility
- costs). Some costs may be capitalized upon project completion. Variance due mainly to timing of project costs.

 General and administrative costs consist of insurance, rents, audit/tax, marketing and other G&A costs. Rents include BUDC offices, Buffalo Manufacturing Works base rent (per ESD grant agreement) and recognition of prepaid rent for Workforce Training Center.
- Depreciation relates mainly to capitalized assets at 683 Northland Avenue.
- Interest expense represents cost of borrowing related to 714 Northland and 683 Northland line of credit.

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Item 4.1

MEMORANDUM

TO: BUDC Board of Directors

FROM: Thomas Kucharski, Governance Committee Chair

RE: 2023 - 2024 Election of Officers

DATE: June 27, 2023

At a meeting of the Governance Committee on June 20, 2023 the Committee reviewed the BUDC Slate of Officers. Although there was no quorum, the Governance committee members present expressed the desire to advance the appointment of the BUDC Slate of Officers to the BUDC Board for approval.

Chairman: Hon. Byron W. Brown

Vice Chairman: Dennis M. Penman

President: Brandye Merriweather

Executive Vice President Rebecca Gandour

Secretary: Kevin J. Zanner, Esq.

Treasurer: Mollie Profic

Assistant Treasurer Atiqa Abidi

ACTION:

I am requesting that the BUDC Board of Directors approve the Officers listed above for a term of one (1) year through June 2024, and until their successors have been elected or appointed.

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Item 4.2

MEMORANDUM

TO: BUDC Board of Directors

FROM: Mayor Byron W. Brown, Chairman

RE: Re-Appointment of Citizen Members

DATE: June 27, 2023

I am advising the BUDC Board of Directors of my decision to re-appoint Darby Fishkin and Dennis Elsenbeck as Citizen Members and Directors of BUDC. Their new terms will begin effective as of the June 27, 2023 Board meeting and continue until the Annual Meeting in June of 2025, and until their successors are duly appointed. I am appreciative of the wisdom and commitment that both of these members have given to the Board over their respective years of service.

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Item 4.3

Slate of 2023-2024 BUDC Board Committee Members

Audit & Finance (5)

Amdur

Burruss

Curry

Nasca

Penman (Chair)

Governance (7)

Brown

Elsenbeck

Halligan

Kucharski (Chair)

Mehaffy

Penman

Utz

Real Estate (7)

Bylewski

Curry

Holden

Kucharski

Mehaffy

Minkel (Chair)

Penman

Downtown (9)

Amdur

Castle

Fishkin

Gallagher

Marton

Mehaffy (Chair)

Minkel

Pridgen

Utz

Loan (2)

Gallagher

Mehaffy (Chair)

TBD (Evans Bank)*Mike Anthony (M&T Bank)* Joseph Burden (HSBC)* TBD (KeyBank)* TBD

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^{*} These Loan Committee Members are appointed by their respective organizations.

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	Board of Directors	Term	
	Name	Expires	Committee
1	Hon. Byron W. Brown	ex-officio	Governance
2	Hon. Darius Pridgen	ex-officio	Downtown
3	Catherine Amdur	ex-officio	Audit & Finance Downtown
4	Trina Burruss	Citizen Membe	
5	Scott Bylewski	ex-officio	Real Estate
6	Daniel Castle	ex-officio	Downtown
7	Janique S. Curry	Citizen Membe 6/30/24 BBRC	Audit & Finance Real Estate
8	Dennis W. Elsenbeck	Citizen Membe 6/30/24	Governance
9	Darby Fishkin	Citizen Member 6/30/23	Downtown
10	Dottie Gallagher	ex-officio	Downtown Loan Committee
11	Thomas Halligan	Citizen Member	
12	Elizabeth A. Holden, Esq.	Board Appointed Citizen Member 6/28/2025	Real Estate
13	Thomas Kucharski	BBRC ex-officio	Governance - Chair Real Estate
14	Nathan Marton	ex-officio	Downtown
15	Brendan Mehaffy	ex-officio	Downtown - Chair Governance Loan Committee - Chai Real Estate
16	Kimberley A. Minkel	ex-officio BBRC	Downtown
17	David Nasca	Board Appointed Citizen Member	Real Estate - Chair Audit & Finance
18	Dennis Penman	6/28/25 Citizen Member 6/28/25 BBRC	Audit & Finance - Chair Governance Real Estate
19	Karen Utz	ex-officio	Downtown Governance

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

BUDC Board of Directors

FROM:

Antonio Parker, Project Manager

SUBJECT:

Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park – Fifth Amendment to BUDC- City of Buffalo

Wilson Foundation Subgrant Agreement

DATE:

June 27, 2023

At its March 28, 2023 meeting, the BUDC Board of Directors approved an amendment to the subgrant agreement between BUDC and the City of Buffalo. This was for \$9.8 million in funding from the Great Lakes Commission (GLC) for the construction of the shoreline and inlet at Ralph Wilson Park. Since then, BUDC has requested an additional capacity grant from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation (Wilson Foundation) for City of Buffalo grant management.

On May 19, 2023, BUDC was awarded and accepted the capacity grant for \$252,000 from the Wilson Foundation. This grant was intended to increase the City of Buffalo's capacity to manage Ralph Wilson Park-related grants as well as other City of Buffalo grants. The grant will fund a position for four years (\$63,000 a year). The City of Buffalo has posted and hired a qualified candidate for the position. A fifth amendment is needed to transfer the additional funding received by BUDC to the City of Buffalo.

This item was reviewed with the BUDC Downtown Committee on June 21, 2023. Although there was no quorum, the Downtown Committee members present recommended that this item be advanced to the BUDC Board of Directors for approval.

ACTION:

I am requesting that the Board of Directors: (i) approve the Fifth Amendment to the BUDC-City of Buffalo subgrant agreement allowing BUDC to transfer the \$252,000 Ralph Wilson Foundation Grant to the City of Buffalo to fund the Grant Manager position.; (ii) authorize the BUDC President or Executive Vice President to execute the Fifth Amendment to the Subgrant Agreement and take such other actions as are necessary to implement this authorization.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: BUDC Board of Directors

FROM: Brandye Merriweather, President

SUBJECT: Downtown Waterfront Improvement Plan Contract Extension

DATE: June 27, 2023

At the December 27, 2022 meeting, the BUDC Board of Directors approved a contract with the consultant firm MIG for a BUDC and City of Buffalo collaborative effort to create a the Downtown Waterfront Improvement Plan (DWIP). The main goal of the DWIP is to better connect residents and visitors to the Downtown waterfront area through accessibility and placemaking enhancements, including improving roadways, trails, parks, signage, and lighting.

The original contract had an end date of May 31, 2023, but there is a need for additional time and scope to complete a comprehensive final document. Through this extension, the MIG team will conduct additional stakeholder interviews, additional conceptual renderings and synthesis of information as well as the coordination of additional public presentations of the plan. This extension would extend the completion date to September 30, 2023. It has been agreed by BUDC and the City of Buffalo that the cost of this contract extension will be shared, with BUDC funding \$9,515 and the City of Buffalo covering the remaining \$9,515.

This item was reviewed with the BUDC Downtown Committee on June 21, 2023. Although there was no quorum, the Downtown Committee members present recommended that this item be advanced to the BUDC Board of Directors for approval.

ACTION:

I am requesting that the BUDC Board of Directors: (i) approve the BUDC-MIG contract extension of \$19,030, with BUDC providing an additional \$9,515; (ii) authorize the BUDC President or Executive Vice President to execute the extension and take such other actions as are necessary to implement this authorization.

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<u>Item 4.6</u>

MEMORANDUM

TO: BUDC Board of Directors

FROM: Antonio Parker, Project Manager

SUBJECT: Buffalo's Race for Place-Project for Public Spaces Electrical Contractor Agreement

DATE: June 27, 2023

At its May 31, 2022 meeting, the BUDC Board of Directors accepted a \$40,000 grant award from the Project for Public Spaces, Inc. for placemaking improvements to the underpass lighting near the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library (the "Library") at Ellicott Street and Broadway-William Street (the "Project"). Pursuant to BUDC's Grant Administration Policy, BUDC and the Library subsequently entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for the Library to provide up to \$23,000 in matching grant funds to support the Project.

BUDC solicited proposals for this work in accordance with its Procurement Policy. One response was received from CIR Electrical Construction Corporation for a total cost of \$12,900.00.

This item was reviewed with the BUDC Downtown Committee on June 21, 2023. Although there was no quorum, the Downtown Committee members present recommended that this item be advanced to the BUDC Board of Directors for approval.

ACTION:

We are requesting that the BUDC Board of Directors: (i) approve a contract between BUDC and CIR Electrical Construction Corporation for the Project's installation work for a total cost of \$12,900.00; and (ii) authorize the BUDC President or Executive Vice President to execute the contract and take such other actions as are necessary and appropriate to implement this authorization.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: BUDC Board of Directors

FROM: Brandye Merriweather, President

SUBJECT: Buffalo Building Reuse Loan Program – BBRP Loan Program Termination Agreement

DATE: June 27, 2023

Over the past several meetings, BUDC staff and the Loan Committee have discussed opportunities to modify the BBRP Loan Program. Throughout that time, BUDC has gathered input from multiple stakeholders, including lenders, developers and others regarding the program and its future direction.

As the Board is aware, the BBRP Loan Program has been in place since 2015 and was created as a financing tool to help address development challenges encountered in adaptive reuse projects located primarily in the downtown core. The program was intended as short-term bridge financing, with a maximum loan amount of \$750,000. The program was utilized successfully for several projects, including the Phoenix Brewery and Alexandre Apartments projects, and served as placeholder capital for several other projects that ultimately did not utilize BBRP financing.

Under the current BBRP loan program agreements, the program is scheduled to sunset in 2025. The program agreements do not permit loans to be made which extend beyond the sunset date. There are currently no outstanding loans in the portfolio. Given the changes in the market, and BUDC's strategic direction toward Race for Place initiatives, the BUDC Loan Committee is recommending the winding down the operations of the BBRP loan program. BUDC will continue to engage in discussions on re-deploying BUDC capital to other strategic real estate initiatives that align with BUDC's mission and have the potential to leverage further economic investment in downtown Buffalo. BUDC appreciates the partnership of all banking and private sector partners who made this initiative possible.

This item was reviewed with the BUDC Loan Committee and recommended for approval by the full BUDC Board.

<u>Action</u>: I am requesting authorization to enter into a termination agreement with the respective banking partners to terminate the BBRP Loan Program and (ii) authorize the BUDC President or Executive Vice President to execute the termination agreement and take such other actions as are necessary or appropriate to implement this authorization.

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Item 4.8

MEMORANDUM

TO: BUDC Board of Directors

FROM: Rebecca Gandour, Executive Vice President

SUBJECT: Buffalo Lakeside Commerce Park – Exclusivity Agreement with Savarino

Companies Relating to 193 Ship Canal Parkway

DATE: June 27, 2023

On August 20, 2022, the BUDC Board of Directors approved a six-month exclusivity agreement with Savarino Companies (Savarino) for the properties located at 80, 134, 158 and 200 Ship Canal Parkway ("80-200 Ship Canal Parkway") to conduct due diligence, advance discussions with the proposed tenant and begin discussions with build-to-suit opportunities on the remaining acreage. The exclusivity period allowed for an additional three months at Savarino's option which was exercised. Monthly exclusivity payments in the amount of \$16,000 were collected by BUDC from Savarino in accordance with the agreement.

During that period, the site located at 193 Ship Canal Parkway became available and Savarino expressed interest pursuing its project on that site instead. On May 31, 2023, BUDC received a request from Savarino to enter into a new exclusivity agreement for 193 Ship Canal Parkway with terms similar to those that were included in the prior exclusivity agreement.

- BUDC will grant Savarino a six-month exclusivity period for Savarino to conduct due diligence, advance discussions with the proposed tenant and begin discussions with build-to-suit opportunities on the remaining acreage. The exclusivity period may be extended an additional three months at Savarino's option.
- Savarino will have limited access to the property to conduct non-invasive testing and due diligence.
- Savarino will indemnify and hold BUDC harmless from all liabilities arising out of any due diligence activities conducted on the property.
- BUDC will receive a monthly exclusivity fee in the amount of \$2,000.00. The exclusivity fee payments are non-refundable but will be applied against the purchase price for the property at closing if Savarino closes on the acquisition of the property. Past exclusivity fees of

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- approximately \$16,000 received by BUDC in connection with the 80-200 Ship Canal Parkway would also be credited to the purchase price.
- BUDC's costs (search and survey) and reasonable attorney's fees in connection with the transaction will be paid by Savarino.
- The terms of a Land Sale Agreement will be negotiated by the parties during the exclusivity period.

The BUDC Real Estate Committee reviewed the above terms at their June 15, 2023 meeting and is recommending approval.

ACTION:

I am requesting that the Board of Directors: (i) approve BUDC entering into an exclusivity agreement with Savarino Companies regarding 193 Ship Canal Parkway, consistent with the terms set forth in this memorandum; and (ii) authorize the President or Executive Vice President to execute the exclusivity agreement and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement this action.