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Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, July 27, 2021
3:00 pm
Mayor's Conference Room

Board Members Present: Mayor Ben Walsh, Vice-Chair Helen Hudson, Treasurer Brad O'Connor

Staff Present: Michael Collins, Meghan Ryan, Esq.

I. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Walsh called the meeting to order at 3:12 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Mayor Walsh noted all Board members were present.

III. Proof of Notice

Mayor Walsh acknowledged notice of the meeting had been timely and properly provided.

IV. Minutes

Mayor Walsh asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 7, 2021 Board of Directors meeting. Ms. Hudson made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion. **THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 7, 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WERE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT.**

V. New Business

1) Resolution No. 3444

Ms. Ryan introduced Resolution No. 3444. She advised that Bond, Schoeneck & King ("Bond") requested to use Perseverance Park for an employee event in August. Bond did not settle on a date yet but proposed several possible dates. Ms. Ryan advised that one date they proposed was August 11th but she let them know that that date is unavailable as live music will be playing there that day as part of the agreement SURA has with CNY Jazz. Ms. Ryan advised that Bond use the putting greens, set up cornhole boards and have food dropped off. Bond already provided proof of insurance listing SURA as an additional insured and will execute a license agreement. Mr. O'Connor asked about removing the August 11th date from the Resolution as we know that date is not available.

Mayor Walsh asked if Mr. O'Connor wanted to make a motion to approve the Resolution with the removal of August 11 as a date. Mr. O'Connor made the motion to approve the Resolution with that revision. Ms. Hudson seconded the motion. **ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 3444 AUTHORIZING BOND, SCHOENECK & KING TO USE PERSEVERANCE PARK FOR AN EMPLOYEE EVENT.**

2) Resolution No. 3445

Ms. Ryan introduced Resolution No. 3445. She advised that this Resolution is for the previously discussed agreement with the City to manage events at Perseverance Park. The City will charge a fee for use of Perseverance Park that is consistent with the fee it charges for City properties. The City will keep all fees for use of Perseverance Park. Mr. O'Connor asked if the agreement should extend to other SURA properties beyond Perseverance Park. Ms. Ryan advised that it made the most sense to just do Perseverance Park since that is really the only SURA property that people request to use. The Mayor asked about a time period for the agreement. Ms. Ryan advised that she did not include one but when drafting the agreement could include a termination clause. Ms. Ryan said that once SURA approves then the next step will be to bring a request to the Common Council. Mayor Walsh asked for a motion. Ms. Hudson made the motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion. **ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 3445 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SYRACUSE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EVENTS AT PERSEVERANCE PARK.**

VI. Items for Discussion

1. Letter from New York State Department of Transportation regarding 110 University Avenue.

Ms. Ryan informed the Board that SURA received a letter from the New York State Department of Transportation ("DOT") advising that a portion of the SURA-owned property at 110 University Avenue was identified as a potential acquisition for the Interstate 81 (I-81) Via Duct Project. The notice informed SURA that there will be public hearings on August 17th (virtual) and August 18th (in-person). Mr. Collins pointed out that DOT is asking SURA to participate in a hearing that it is not well-informed for as the notice does not provide a lot of information. The notice did not identify the portion of the property that could be subject to acquisition. Mayor Walsh asked Ms. Ryan to ask Greg Loh to reach out to Mark Frchette at DOT for more information. The Mayor stated that at some point they will need to make SURA's position known.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Walsh asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Hudson made the motion. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion. **ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 3:23 P.M.**