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

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**Board Members Present:** Mayor Ben Walsh, Treasurer Brad O'Connor

**Staff Present:** Michael Collins, Meghan Ryan, Esq.

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**I. Call Meeting to Order**

Mayor Walsh called the meeting to order at 3:07 P.M.

**II. Roll Call**

Mayor Walsh noted all Board members were present, with the exception of Vice-Chair Helen Hudson, who was excused.

**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 September 28, 2021 Board of Directors meeting. Mr. O'Connor made a motion to approve the minutes. Mayor Walsh seconded the motion. **THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WERE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT.**

**V. New Business**

None

**VI. Items for Discussion**

**1. Potential Disposition of Parking Lot at 109 West Washington Street**

Mr. Collins advised the Board that Jen Tifft provided some follow-up information since the Board last discussed potential disposition. He advised that if the property were privately owned, the yearly taxes would be approximately \$40,000. The taxes would be more if the lot is

improved. Mr. O'Connor said that the most revenue the City received in a single year over the last three years was \$104,000 with an average of \$70,000 over that time period. Mr. O'Connor advised that he is comfortable with SURA selling the property. The Board discussed that there should be consistency with the disposition process and what factors to consider. Mr. Collins said that he would talk to Eric Ennis about coming up with some criteria. Mayor Walsh asked Mr. Collins to speak with Merike at the Downtown Committee. Ms. Ryan read the description of the sealed bid process from SURA's Disposition Policy. Mayor Walsh agreed that the sealed bid process would be the best method to use and would look to Mr. Collins' team for criteria and meeting with the Downtown Committee.

## **2. Veo Bikes and Scooters**

Ms. Ryan informed the Board that it came to her attention that a docking station for Veo electric bikes and scooters was placed at Perseverance Park. Ms. Ryan's concern is that Veo is under contract with the City of Syracuse, not SURA, so SURA would not be covered under Veo's insurance policy. Ms. Ryan checked with Neil Milcarek-Burke from the Department of Public Works (DPW) and he said that the placement on SURA property was an oversight. He advised that Veo may be willing to sign an agreement with SURA to use the property if SURA was willing to do so. Mr. Milcarek-Burke advised that in the meantime he will tell Veo to only use the racks in the right-of-way along Fayette. The Mayor asked if this was really a request for City Parks as they are supposed to be taking over requests to use the property. Ms. Ryan said that the agreement with Parks was not brought to Council to her knowledge and that she would check with the Parks' Commissioner about the status of the legislation request. Mr. Collins said that Veo may also agree now to add SURA as an additional insured as it is an easy request to accommodate.

## **VII. Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Walsh asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. O'Connor made the motion. Mayor Walsh seconded the motion. **ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 3:18 P.M.**