

A meeting of the Village of Victor Urban Renewal Agency (URA) was held on Thursday, July 7, 2016 at the Village Hall, 60 East Main Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Chairperson	Carol Commisso
	Vice Chairperson	Jeffery A. Smithe
	Treasurer	Jason Shelton
	Member	Michelle Chalupa
	Minutes Clerk	Roseanne Turner-Adams

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carol Commisso at 7:00 pm.

Salute to the flag

Resolution #26-16URA

Acceptance of Minutes

On a motion by Jason Shelton, seconded by Michelle Chalupa, the following resolution was ADOPTED 4 AYES 0 NAYS

Resolved, to accept the minutes dated June 8, 2016.

Resolution #27-16URA

Financials

On a motion by Jeffery A. Smithe, seconded by Michelle Chalupa, the following resolution was ADOPTED 4 AYES 0 NAYS

Resolved, to approve the financials as follows:

Bank Balances as of 06/30/16

Current Assets:

Cash consisting of:

Checking Acct with Five Star	\$ 199.96
Money Market Acct with Five Star	\$ 5,798.39
Certificate of Deposit--Five Star	\$ 0.00
Revolving Loan Acct with Five Star	\$ 5,414.12

Total cash accounts	\$11,412.47
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Other Current Assets:

Loans Receivable – Current	\$ 0.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 11,412.47

Other Assets (Land)	\$189,500.00
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Total Current Assets	\$200,912.47
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Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable \$ 0.00

Net Assets

Net Assets 06/01/16 \$200,912.37

Change in Fund Balance (\$.10)

Net Assets available 06/30/2016 \$200,912.47

Accounts Payable & Net Assets

\$200,912.47

Chairperson Report

Ms. Commisso stated that she spoke to a couple of people who said that the Saratoga Plan contains good information and that it should not be scrapped. Ms. Commisso stated that the URA needs to have a mission or vision statement from the Village Board. Mr. Shelton stated that he was involved in the Town Strategic Plan and that it had a process that would be good to follow. Ms. Chalupa stated that she met with Kathy Rayburn of LDC and they mutually agreed that it is time for the LDC and URA to work together to craft a vision for the URA district. Ms. Chalupa stated that Ms. Rayburn has volunteered to brainstorm with the URA members at a meeting and then go to the Village Board with ideas for a vision. Ms. Commisso stated that it makes sense to work with the LDC as the URA has power and authority that the LDC doesn't. Ms. Chalupa stated that Ms. Rayburn wants to learn more about the URA. Ms. Chalupa stated that Ms. Rayburn agreed that the Saratoga Plan is not as bad as people are pitching it but that the plan is missing the implementation part of it.

Ms. Commisso stated that the Urban Renewal plan was developed primarily by the Planning Board. Ms. Commisso stated that originally the URA had the authority to supersede the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals but that the URA was never written in Planning or Zoning laws and is not mentioned in Village Code at all. Ms. Chalupa stated that since the Village Board is working with LaBella to update the Village Code, the purpose of the URA should be re-defined.

Ms. Commisso stated that it would be good to develop a partnership with the LDC to work with developers. Ms. Chalupa stated that it might be good to have informal meetings with the LDC and developers who may not have a formal plan yet. Ms. Commisso stated that the URA should have some thoughts and ideas ready to discuss with Ms. Rayburn. Mr. Shelton suggested that the URA members should do a walking tour of the district in August. The URA members agreed to do a walking tour of the URA district on August 10th and to invite Ms. Rayburn to the September URA meeting.

Ms. Commisso stated that National Night Out will be held in Mead Square Park on August 3rd. Mr. Smithe stated that he is volunteering at the event. Mr. Shelton and Ms.

Commisso stated that they have concerns about the logistics of the vehicles and displays. Ms. Commisso stated that she will get more details from Mayor Ashton.

Ms. Commisso stated that the Library has finished construction on the enclosed porch for storage and the new sign is up. Ms. Commisso stated that there has been some discussion regarding the lack of space at the Library and that maybe a satellite location is necessary as there are about 2,000 people that visit the Library each week.

Ms. Commisso stated that she has received information on the company that engraved the memorial bricks at Mead Square Park. Ms. Commisso stated that she would like to find out who installed the bricks last time and ask the Attorney if the URA can legally raise money. Ms. Commisso stated that it would be good to sell the memorial bricks at Hang Around Victor and Christmas in the Village.

Ms. Commisso stated that she received a letter from Mitch Donovan regarding using Mead Square Park for Hang Around Victor Day. None of the URA members had objections.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned on motion at 7:58 pm.

Roseanne Turner-Adams, Minutes Clerk