# BURLINGTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014 5:00 P.M. CONFERENCE ROOM 12, CITY HALL MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Mr. Miro Weinberger, President; Ms. Joan Shannon, Vice President; Ms. Jane Knodell, Ms. Sharon Bushor, BCDC Members; Mr. Bob Rusten, Secretary/Treasurer

ABSENT: Mr. Bryan Aubin, BCDC Member

**ALSO PRESENT:** ACAO Schrader; Gene Richards, Airport Director; City Attorney Eileen Blackwood; Chapin Spencer, DPW Director; Jesse Bridges, Parks Director; and Kathleen Boe, English, Carroll & Boe (via phone)

#### 1. Agenda

On a motion by Ms. Bushor and Ms. Knodell, the agenda was adopted unanimously as presented.

#### 2. Approval of BCDC Minutes

#### a. December 9, 2013

On a motion by Ms. Bushor and Ms. Knodell, the minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

#### 3. Public Forum

No one came forward to speak.

There was a brief discussion as to the history of the Westlake lease agreement with BCDC.

Ms. Shannon and Ms. Knodell made a motion to go into executive session at 5:11pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Shannon and Ms. Knodell made a motion to go out of executive session at 5:43pm. The motion passed unanimously.

### 4. Discussion of Termination of Ground Lease Agreement between Airport and BCDC re: North Hanger

Ms. Shannon and Ms. Bushor made a motion to request the BCDC and the City Attorneys to draw up papers to terminate the lease and authorize the BCDC president to sign the papers. The CITY HALL, 149 CHURCH STREET, BURLINGTON, VERMONT 05401 802/865-7019 FAX 802/865-7014

motion passed unanimously.

## 5. Discussion of Westlake Parking LLC Lease Agreement, Abatement of Taxes, and Possible Litigation

Kathleen Boe, English, Carroll & Boe, stated she received a letter from the City Attorney regarding the Westlake Parking tax bill. The letter stated Westlake had appeared at a hearing in front of the Tax Abatement Committee. The Committee took the position that they could not proceed with that abatement proceeding without authority from BCDC. There was also a new tax bill generated by the City Treasurer's Office indicating that BCDC is the owner and the taxpayer.

Ms. Shannon and Ms. Knodell made a motion to authorize Westlake to pursue abatement and for BCDC to pay the taxes and seek reimbursement from Westlake per the lease agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

Without objection, Mr. Weinberger adjourned the BCDC Meeting at 5:45pm.