

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency held its Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, at Camden City Hall, City Council Chamber, Camden, New Jersey.

Chair Marilyn Torres called the meeting to order at approximately 6:04 PM. Board Clerk Sulena Robinson-Rivera called roll.

**Present:** MT, SD, KH, IL, JR, and MS

**Absent:**

**Excused:** VB

**Attendees:** Saundra Ross Johnson, Mark Asselta, Sulena Robinson-Rivera, Johanna Conyer, James Harveson, Olivette Simpson, and Kadeem Pratt CRA; Chris Giglotti, PBCIP; Shawn Burke, N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St; David Flowers, 1426 S 9<sup>th</sup> St.; Tanielle Hagamin, 2779 N. Congress; Casbah Salaam, 330 Sycamore; M. Donaghue, 458 Atlantic; Barbara Kelly, CBCA/WERC; Laverne Williams, 218 Branch Village

Mrs. Robinson-Rivera advised the Board that, pursuant to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice(s) had been posted in the Courier-Post, the Philadelphia Inquirer, and the Office of the City Clerk.

### Review of Minutes

Dates of Meetings- January 6, and January 13, 2016

**Motion:** MS, SD                      **Ayes:** MT, SD, KH, JR, MS

**Nays:**                                      **Abstentions:** IL

**Comments:** Ms. Torres asked all Commissioners if they had an opportunity to review the minutes. All affirmed. There were no further comments or questions.

### Executive Director's Report

Date of Meeting- February 3, 2016

**Motion:** JR, IL                      **Ayes:** MT, SD, KH, IL, JR, MS

**Nays:**                                      **Abstentions:**

**Comments:** The report stands as submitted at caucus.

### Resolutions for Review and Action

**02-10-16A**      **Resolution Authorizing the Grant to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority of a Deed Restriction for Recreation /Conservation on Property Designated as Block 62 Lots 38 and 45 on the City of Camden Tax Map and Located in the Downtown Redevelopment Area.**

**Motion:** SD, KH                      **Ayes:** MT, SD, KH, IL, JR, MS

**Nays:**                                      **Abstentions:**

There were no questions or comments.

**Resolutions for Review and Action (cont'd)**

**02-10-16B Resolution Authorizing An Acknowledgement of an Agreement between the Delaware River Port Authority the County of Camden and the Camden County Municipal Utility Authority Regarding the Transfer of Properties for the Gateway Park Project**

**Motion: SD, MS Ayes: MT, SD, KH, JR, MS**

**Nays: Abstentions: IL**

There were no questions or comments.

**02-10-16C Resolution Amending Resolution 01-13-16E Which Designated Parkside Urban Renewal LLC as Redeveloper of Certain Tax Lots By Increasing the Number of Housing Units and Project Site to be Redeveloped and Authorizing an Option Agreement and Redevelopment Agreement with the Redeveloper for Such Additional Properties**

**Motion: SD, JR Ayes: MT, SD, KH, IL, JR, MS**

**Nays: Abstentions:**

There were no questions or comments.

**Public Comments**

Laverne Williams inquired regarding the location of the site referenced in Resolution 02-10-16A. Director Harveson identified the site as the ABC Barrel site in Cooper Grant near 2<sup>nd</sup>, Front, and Linden Streets. She also asked about the project status related to Resolution 02-10-16B. Mr. Harveson advised that there is remediation that needs to be completed and that the site is located along the east side of Admiral Wilson Blvd near the PUB. Ms. Williams also asked for a description and timeline related to redevelopment associated with Resolution 02-10-16C. Director Simpson responded with background on the project and other specifics.

Jonathan Latko requested an update on redevelopment work proposed in the Cooper Grant area. He also commended the CRA for maintaining a strong rapport and consistent communication with his organization. Mr. Harveson provided a project update including details related to the plans which include development of a pocket park and street. Mr. Latko also inquired with respect to the designation of EDA and expressed concerns related to property values in Cooper Grant lacking the benefit of nearby property sales in Cooper Plaza. Commissioner Leonard mentioned the New Jersey Mortgage and Finance Agency (NJHMFA) has a program that assists with the refinancing of homes and is based on the duration of ownership and other factors. Mr. Leonard will obtain and forward the program details to all.

Mr. David Flowers, a member of the City of Camden Historic Commission, is interested in redevelopment projects and asked if there was a way he could receive advance information. Mark Asselta informed that the CRA website maintains a record of CRA resolutions on the website and he might consider reviewing and monitoring the website for that purpose.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

**Chairperson's Remarks and Observations**

Ms. Torres advised that Commissioner Bowman's absence is excused. She also thanked all for attending and for all the good work.

**Executive Session**

None.

**Adjournment**

This meeting adjourned at approximately 6:23 PM on a motion made by Commissioner Leonard and seconded by Commissioner Hagamin.

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