

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency **held the Monthly Caucus on Wednesday, December 6, 2023** via tele-/videoconference.

Chairperson Ian Leonard called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Board Clerk Donna Arthur-Pettigrew called roll.

**Present:** Ian Leonard, Maria Sharma, Derek Davis, Christopher Collins, and Tasha Gainey-Humphrey  
**Absent:** Gilbert Harden Sr., and Jose Javier Ramos  
**Attendees:** Olivette Simpson, Mark Asselta, Glynn Jones, and Donna Arthur-Pettigrew, CRA, and Jack Layne, DCA.

Ms. Donna Arthur-Pettigrew advised the Board that, pursuant to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, notice(s) had been posted in the Courier-Post, the Philadelphia Inquirer, and the Office of the City Clerk.

### Review of Minutes

**Date of Meeting:** November 1 and 8, 2023

**Motion:** Ayes:

**Nays:** Abstentions:

**Comments:** Mr. Leonard verified that everyone had a chance to review the Minutes and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

### Interim Executive Director's Report

**Date of Meeting:** December 6 and 13, 2023

**Motion:** Ayes:

**Nays:** Abstentions:

**Comments:** Ms. Simpson announced and invited the Board to the Elijah Perry Park groundbreaking press event to be held on Wednesday, December 13 at 11:30 AM. Remediation (Phase #1) has been completed and construction of Park Improvements have begun. As of date, over \$1.2 million in USEPA and NJDEP funding was secured by CRA for the cleanup of Elijah Perry Park. She remarked that a Phase #2 remedial action plan would be implemented in mid-2024; in an effort to preserve the streetscape of several older trees along the Ferry Avenue side of the Park. Ms. Simpson also stated an overview of 2023 and 2024 projects will be provided at the January Meeting.

### Redevelopment Project Presentations

None

### Resolutions for Review and Action

The resolutions below were presented for consideration.

**12-13-23A** Resolution Amending Resolution 04-12-23C to Authorize an Increase in a Subgrant from \$274,203.00 to \$500,000.00 to the City of Camden from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund for the Environmental Remediation of Block 1302, Lot 1 of the City of Camden Tax Map

**Motion:** Ayes:

**Nays:** Abstentions:

**Comments:** Ms. Simpson stated due to the results of the recent bids for remediation of the former Reliable Tire site, this action is necessary to increase the sub-grant awarded to the City so that higher than anticipated costs may be covered for the work.



**New Business**

None.

**Executive Session**

None

**Chairperson's Remarks and Observations**

None.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Sharma made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Collins and affirmed with a Roll Call vote by all Commissioners. This meeting ended at approximately 6:22 PM.