

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency held its Regular Monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 10, 2014, at Camden City Hall, Council Chambers, 520 Market Street, Second Floor, Camden, New Jersey.

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

Present: MT, VB, MN, and JV
Absent: EG

Attendees: Marc Riondino, City of Camden; Sandra Ross Johnson, Mark Asselta, Johanna Conyer, Olivette Simpson, Sulena Robinson-Rivera, CRA

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 and the Philadelphia Inquirer as well as in the Office of the City Clerk.

Review of Minutes

Date of Meetings-August 7, 2014 and August 13, 2014

Motion: VB, JV

Ayes: MT, VB, MN, JV

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments:

There were no comments or questions. On a Motion made by Commissioner Vance Bowman, seconded by Commissioner Jose Vasquez and affirmed by all in a Voice Vote, the Minutes were approved.

Executive Director's Report

Date of Meeting-September 10, 2014

Motion: VB, JV

Ayes: MT, VB, MN, JV

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments:

In addition to the previously submitted written report, Executive Director Sandra Ross Johnson shared information about the temporary pop-up park at Roosevelt Plaza Park which was funded by the William Penn Foundation. The park, which includes colorful tables, chairs, shading, minor landscaping improvements, public art, and lighting, will be up until December 2015. Similar to other pop-up spaces in other postindustrial cities, the purpose of the park is to encourage residents, visitors, employees and students to spend time outside in the city and also to create safe public spaces in downtown.

Director Johnson asked if there were any questions related to the overview of the Lanning Square RFP presentation made at caucus. Director Simpson added that the CRA worked with a consultant assigned and funded by HUD to assist with developing the RFP which is due October 3, 2014. It was a great experience; nevertheless, the CRA invested a great deal of staff and other resources. The Poets Walk in Cooper Grant RFP is currently being advertised on the CRA website and is due on October 31, 2014. The next RFP to be advertised is for Cooper Plaza.

No questions were asked. On a Motion made by Mr. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Vazquez and affirmed by all in a Voice Vote, the Executive Director's Report was approved.

Resolutions for Review and Action

09-10-14A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Brinkerhoff Environmental Services, Inc. to Complete a Preliminary Assessment / ASTM Phase I Assessment of Block 62, Lot 11 of the City of Camden Tax Map (120 Linden Street) for a Cost Not to Exceed \$3,000

Motion: VB, JV

Ayes: MT, VB, MN, JV

Nays:

Abstentions:

Comments:

No questions or comments. On a Motion made by Commissioner Bowman, seconded by Commissioner Vazquez and affirmed by all in a Roll Call Vote, the resolution was approved.

09-10-14B Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Langan Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc. to Complete a Preliminary Assessment / ASTM Phase I Assessment & Site Investigation of Block 65, Lot 103 of the City of Camden Tax Map (320 N. 2nd Street) for a Cost Not to Exceed \$37,000

Motion: JV, VB

Ayes: MT, VB, MN, JV

Nays:

Abstentions:

Comments:

No questions or comments. On a Motion made by Commissioner Vazquez, seconded by Commissioner Bowman and affirmed by all in a Roll Call Vote, the resolution was approved.

09-10-14C Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Block 181, Lots 81 and 82 (218 So. 5th Street and 216 So. 5th Street) as Designated on the Camden City Tax Map and located in the Lanning Square Redevelopment Area from the Housing Authority of the City of Camden for Nominal Consideration

Motion: JV, VB

Ayes: MT, VB, MN, JV

Nays:

Abstentions:

Comments:

No questions or comments. On a Motion made by Commissioner Vazquez, seconded by Commissioner Bowman and affirmed by all in a Roll Call Vote, the resolution was approved.

09-10-14D Resolution Authorizing a Pre-Qualified List of Title Companies for the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency for a Period of One Year Effective October 1, 2014 – October 1, 2015

Motion: JV, VB

Ayes: MT, VB, MN, JV

Nays:

Abstentions:

Comments:

No questions or comments. On a Motion made by Commissioner Vazquez, seconded by Commissioner Bowman and affirmed by all in a Roll Call Vote, the resolution was approved.

VB = Commissioner Vance Bowman EG = Commissioner Edgardo Garcia KH = Commissioner Kenwood E. Hagamin, Jr.
MN = Commissioner Mirta Nieves JV = Commissioner Jose Vazquez
MT = Commissioner Marilyn Torres

09-10-14E Resolution Authorizing a Pre-Qualified List of Appraisal Companies for the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency for a Period of One Year Effective October 1, 2014 – October 1, 2015

Motion: VB, JV

Ayes: MT, VB, MN, JV

Nays:

Abstentions:

Comments:

No questions or comments. On a Motion made by Commissioner Bowman, seconded by Commissioner Vazquez and affirmed by all in a Roll Call Vote, the resolution was approved.

09-10-14F Resolution Authorizing an Application for and Acceptance of a Grant in the Amount of \$100,000 from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund for Site Investigation/Remedial Investigation of the Proposed North Camden Waterfront Park (known as Block 4, Lot 54, Block 746 Lots 17, 18, 24, 25, 33, and Block 747, Lot 1 (partial) of the Camden City Tax Map)

Motion: JV, VB

Ayes: MT, VB, MN, JV

Nays:

Abstentions:

Comments:

Commissioner Bowman asked a question regarding whether this resolution was discussed at caucus. Chairperson Torres reminded him that the resolution was reviewed at caucus. On a Motion made by Mr. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Vazquez and affirmed by all in a Roll Call Vote, the resolution was approved.

Chairperson's Remarks and Observations

Commissioner Torres thanked all commissioners for attending and especially for being on time. She also thanked members of CRA staff for their hard work.

Public Comments

None

Old Business

General Attorney Mark Asselta stated that he did not yet have an update on the status of the outstanding Parking Authority fees that are owed to the CRA. He will follow up and have an update for next meeting.

New Business

None

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

On a Motion made by Commissioner Vazquez, seconded by Commissioner Bowman, and affirmed by all in voice vote this meeting adjourned at approximately 6:18 PM.