

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency **held the Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, November 10, 2021** via teleconference.

Chairperson Marilyn Torres called the meeting to order at approximately 6:02 PM. Interim Board Clerk Carla Rhodes called roll.

***Present:** Marilyn Torres, Ian Leonard, Derek Davis, Jose Javier Ramos, and Maria Sharma
Absent: Gilbert Harden, Sr.
Attendees: Olivette Simpson, Mark Asselta, Carla Rhodes, Donna Arthur-Pettigrew, and Sulena Robinson-Rivera, CRA, and Jack Layne, DCA

Ms. Rhodes 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.

**NOTE: Commissioner Sharma joined the meeting at approximately 6:10 PM.*

Review of Minutes

Date of Meeting: October 6 and October 13, 2021
Motion: IL, JR **Ayes:** MT, IL, DD, JR, MS
Nays: **Abstentions:**
Comments: There were no comments or questions.

Interim Executive Director's Report

Date of Meeting: November 10, 2021
Motion: JR, IL **Ayes:** MT, IL, DD, JR, MS
Nays: **Abstentions:**
Comments: Interim Executive Director Simpson's report focused on the pursuit of a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Community-Wide Assessment Grant through which CRA will seek to secure funds for the Federal Street Corridor. Ms. Simpson noted that there are some 212 brownfield sites in the City of Camden; roughly one for every 31 acres of land. Four priority sites will be presented in CRA's \$300,000 application with the goal of deriving transformative, light industrial manufacturing, employment, and tax ratable opportunities for the City. Ms. Simpson informed the Commissioners that the application deadline is late-November 2021. Award announcements are anticipated in mid-2022.

Ms. Simpson reported that this application will build on recent redevelopment activity on the Federal Street corridor with the completion of the Resintech facility. This 260,000 sf facility, which provides 180 full-time jobs and more than 100 temporary jobs, represents a \$20 million investment in the area.

Redevelopment Project Presentations:

None.

Resolutions for Review and Action to be Taken at the Regular Board Meeting

11-10-21A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Brownfield Redevelopment Solutions, Inc. to Provide Environmental Management Services on an Hourly Rate Basis for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$165,000.00

Motion: IL, MS Ayes: MT, IL, DD, JR, MS

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: Ms. Simpson reported that this RFP was advertised in the Courier Post and posted on the CRA website. The CRA received two proposals, resulting in the evaluation the BRS proposal was the most responsive. There were no additional comments or questions.

11-10-21B Resolution Authorizing an Easement Agreement with The Salvation Army for a Portion of the Ray & Joan Kroc Center Site Designated as Block 810, Lot 6 on the City of Camden Tax Map

Motion: IL, MS Ayes: MT, IL, DD, JR, MS

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: To support this request, an aerial view of the trail map depicting the proposed sidewalk easement location was presented for consideration by the Commissioners. Ms. Simpson advised the Commissioners that a construction grant has been awarded to Camden Community Partners (CCP) for the purpose of connecting the trails. A separate resolution requesting Board authorization for a construction license agreement with CCP will be forthcoming. She also thanked the Commissioners for the approval to move forward with the Cramer Hill Waterfront Park Operations Agreement with Camden County and the City provided at the Regular Monthly Meeting of October 13, 2021. After the easement is constructed Camden County will maintain the area as addressed in the Operations Agreement.

There were no additional comments or questions.

11-10-21C Resolution Authorizing an Application for and Acceptance of a Supplemental Grant from the New Jersey Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund in an Amount Not to Exceed \$101,181 for Remedial Action at Dominick Andujar Park (Block 12, Lots 1, 3-9, 18-21; and Block 14, Lots 29-35, 37 of the City of Camden Tax Map)

Motion: IL, MS Ayes: MT, IL, DD, JR, MS

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: Ms. Simpson informed the Commissioners that this supplemental grant will cover 75% of the remedial actions that will be undertaken at the site. The 25% matching or cost share requirement will be met by an EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund sub-grant, which is already in place.

There were no additional comments or questions.

Public Comments

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Executive Session

None.

****Chairperson's Remarks and Observations**

Ms. Torres thanked the Commissioners for their time.

***NOTE: Prior to the start of this meeting, Mr. Leonard was acknowledged for leading the October meetings during Ms. Torres' absence. Ms. Torres was also recognized for her role in facilitating team building training at CRA and inquiries will be made regarding whether the City can benefit from CRA's experience as it prepares for implementation of related administrative policies.*

Adjournment

Commissioner Ian Leonard made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Jose Javier Ramos and affirmed via Roll Call vote by all Commissioners. The meeting ended at approximately 6:23 PM.