

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency **held the Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2022** via tele-/videoconference.

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

**Present:** Ian Leonard, Maria Sharma, Derek Davis, Jose Javier Ramos, and Marilyn Torres  
**Absent:** Gilbert Harden, Sr.  
**Attendees:** Olivette Simpson, Mark Asselta, Carla Rhodes, Donna Arthur-Pettigrew, and Sulena Robinson-Rivera, CRA; Jack Layne, DCA, and Pilar Hogan Closkey, Executive Director and Enrique Rivera, Project Manager, St. Joseph's Carpenter Society (SJCS)

Mrs. 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:** March 2 and March 9, 2022  
**Motion:** MS, DD      **Ayes:** IL, MS, DD, JR, MT  
**Nays:**                      **Abstentions:**  
**Comments:** None.

*NOTE: Commissioner Derek Davis arrived during this portion of the meeting.*

**Interim Executive Director's Report**

**Date of Meeting:** April 13, 2022  
**Motion:** MT, JR      **Ayes:** IL, MS, DD, JR, MT  
**Nays:**                      **Abstentions:**

**Comments:** Interim Executive Director Olivette Simpson added to the previously provided written report. Four Camden neighborhoods recently were awarded \$985,000 each under the Department of Community Affairs' Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit program: Cramer Hill, East Camden, North Camden, and Parkside. These resident and stakeholder planning efforts have led to the amending of existing Neighborhood Plans, which will serve as guidance documents for the next 10 years. As part of the process, these plans will be presented to the City's Planning Board and, when approved, will be appended to the City's Master Plan, and thereafter submitted to the State. Eligible activities, including housing and neighborhood economic development initiatives, will be leveraged with other dollars. Pilar Hogan Closkey and Enrique Rivera of St. Joseph's Carpenter Society (SJCS) were recognized for spearheading the East Camden Plan.

The Board Retreat is planned for June 2022. An in-person meeting is expected. Additionally, the agency is working with Brownfield Redevelopment Solutions (BRS) to prepare and designate redevelopment plan areas from brownfield impacted areas. These include: 7<sup>th</sup> & Kaighns in Bergen Square, Federal Street Corridor in East Camden, and Knox Meadows in North Camden. Precise boundaries remain under consideration and will be made in consultation with the City. A full presentation for the Board is forthcoming. Plan proposals are expected to be presented to the Planning Board in June as well.

Commissioner Marilyn Torres commended Ms. Closkey and Mr. Rivera, solely for the successful East Camden Neighborhood Plan and process.

**Redevelopment Project Presentations:**

None.

**Resolutions for Review and Action**

**04-13-22A** Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to Resolution 04-14-21E to Extend the Term of a Professional Services Agreement with TTI Environmental to Provide Environmental Services in Connection with the Former Knox Gelatin/Meadows II Tract Site Designated as Block 746, Lot 46 on the City of Camden Tax Map

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

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: None.

**04-13-22B** Resolution Designating SJCS Rehab, LLC, Sole Member of Saint Joseph's Carpenter Society, a Non Profit, as Redeveloper of 505 Newton Ave. (Block 1427, Lots 40 of the City of Camden Tax Map) Located in the Cooper Plaza Redevelopment Area and Authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement with the Redeveloper

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

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: None.

**04-13-22C** Resolution Authorizing a Pre-Qualified List of Appraisal Companies for the Camden Redevelopment Agency Effective for a Period of One Year Beginning April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023

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

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: None.

*NOTE: Due to lack of quorum with members eligible to vote, action regarding Resolutions 03-09-22 E & F was postponed to the next regularly scheduled Meeting.*

**Public Comments**

None.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

**Executive Session**

None.

**Chairperson's Remarks and Observations**

None.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Maria Sharma made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Torres, and affirmed via Roll Call vote by all Commissioners. The meeting ended at approximately 6:27 PM.