

**Minutes of December 18, 2013
Special Board Meeting**

A Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency was held on Wednesday, December 18, 2013, at Camden City Hall, Suite 1300, 520 Market Street, Camden, New Jersey.

Chair Gloria Pena called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM. Board Clerk Carla Rhodes called roll.

Present: GP, VB (by phone), KH, BM, LQ (by phone), and MS

Attendees: Mayor Dana Redd, City Council President Frank Moran, and City Attorney Marc Riondino, Esq., Sandra Ross Johnson, Carla Rhodes, Mark Asselta, Esq., Johanna Conyer, and Olivette Simpson, CRA; and Chris Perks, Resident

Ms. Rhodes 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

Meeting Date	M	A	N	AB	Comments
None.					

Executive Director's Report

Meeting Date	M	A	N	AB	Comments
None.					

Resolutions for Review and Action

	M	A	N	AB	Comments
12-18-13SP-A Resolution Authorizing the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency to Convey Block 139.01, Lot 1 of the Camden City Tax Map to the Parking Authority of the City of Camden for Purposes of Redevelopment	LQ KH	GP VB KH LQ MS			Board Counsel Mark Asselta provided background on the proposed Redevelopment Project and history of title to the land. It is situated near the Aquarium; currently a surface parking lot is there. In order to proceed with redevelopment there, the Parking Authority must establish site control to complete negotiations with a new prospective developer. The land transfer was not previously recorded. Chair Gloria Pena inquired about how long negotiations had been underway. She also asked if this land is among the properties to which CRA owns but doesn't have title.

VB = Commissioner Vance Bowman KH = Commissioner Kenwood E. Hagamin, Jr. BM = Commissioner Bryan Morton
GP = Commissioner Gloria Pena LQ = Commissioner Louis Quinones MS = Commissioner Melinda Sanchez
JV = Commissioner Jose A. Vazquez

						<p>Mr. Asselta informed the Commissioners that the deed reflects the Parking Authority as the owner; however, the deed was never recorded. Finance Director Johanna Conyer added that the prior transaction involved the transfer of large tracts of land with multiple sub-divisions. Ms. Pena asked if there would be any cost to CRA. Mr. Asselta informed the Commissioners the costs would be nominal; for the purpose of preparing the deed only.</p>
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Public Comments

Mayor Dana Redd thanked Chair Pena and her fellow Commissioners for convening the Special Meeting quickly. She also noted the importance of the project to the City and the Economic Opportunity Act work, which will create jobs. President Frank Moran thanked the Commissioners for convening the meeting and passing the Resolution. Both the Mayor and Mr. Moran expressed interest in participating in the Board's January meeting where a broader discussion pertaining to the Economic Opportunity Act might occur.

Chairperson's Remarks

Ms. Pena thanks everyone for attending the Special Meeting and wished a Merry Christmas to all.

Executive Session

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

On a Motion made by Commissioner Vance Bowman, and seconded by Commissioner Kenwood Hagamin, this meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 PM.

Note: Commissioner Morton arrived during this portion of the meeting.

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