The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency held the Monthly Caucus on Wednesday, April 6, 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 TorresAbsent:Gilbert Harden, Sr.Attendees:Olivette Simpson, Mark Asselta, Donna Arthur-Pettigrew, Sulena Robinson-Rivera,<br/>and Robert Quevedo Rodriguez, CRA; Jack Layne, DCA; Pilar Hogan, Executive<br/>Director and Enrique Rivera, Project Manager, St. Joseph's Carpenter Society<br/>(SJCS), and Trevor Vaughn, Urban Development Partners (UDP)

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:	Ayes:
Nays:	Abstentions:

**Comments**: Interim Executive Director Olivette Simpson advised that, upon review of the March Regular Meeting Minutes, Resolutions E and F, which involve the City of Camden, and similar actions taken at the March City Council were moved by Commissioner and Councilperson Torres. Board Counsel Mark Asselta further clarified: Ms. Torres was recorded in the Minutes as a Movant. Action to transfer the moving person from Ms. Torres to another Commissioner will be conducted during the Old Business portion of the Regular Meeting.

## **Interim Executive Director's Report**

Date of Meeting: April 6, 2022

**Comments**: Interim Executive Director Olivette Simpson deferred a larger report to the Regular Monthly Meeting and utilized the time to acknowledge the contributions of two civic icons: Colandus "Kelly" Francis and Delbert J. Nelson.

Ms. Simpson read comments into the record.

Mr. Francis was the watchdog for the people. He held numerous leadership positions throughout New Jersey, including President of the NAACP of Camden County, Fair Share Housing, and Parkside Business & Community in Partnership (PBCIP) Board of Directors, and was a member of the Department of Environmental Protection's Citizens Advisory Committee. He was an outspoken presence at Camden City Council as well as other public meetings.

Delbert J. Nelson was a highly respected Ward leader as well as a founding member of Parkside Business & Community in Partnership (PBCIP), Vice Chair of the Camden Human Relations Commission, Eye in the Sky Committee, and District Council Collaborative member. He also served as the Mayors' Representative to Battleship New Jersey during two administrations.

Chairperson Leonard remarked he met Mr. Francis in 1996 and acknowledged that the late-leader would give you a fight on issues he believed in. He was someone who could not be ignored. His advocacy was always in the interest of the greater good of the City. His passing will be a big loss for the City.

# **Interim Executive Director's Report (cont'd.)**

Mr. Leonard continued, stating Mr. Nelson was a quiet gentleman. He was a veteran and an icon in his Parkside neighborhood. He could have lived anywhere, and he chose to stay in Camden. That is a true testament.

Commissioner Derek Davis expressed that he met Mr. Francis a decade ago when he was a Committeeman. They served on the PBCIP Board together. Mr. Davis also acknowledged Saundra Turner Barnes' passing as well.

Commissioner Marilyn Torres echoed their sentiments and relayed the hope for them to rest in peace, God bless them and their families.

Mr. Leonard called for a moment of silence in their honor.

## **Redevelopment Project Presentations:**

None.

## **Resolutions for Review and Action**

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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:	Ayes:
Nays:	Abstentions:
<b>Comments:</b>	Ms. Simpson reported to the Commissioners that this Resolution extends the term of a
	one-year contract, where the remedial activities at the former Knox site are not yet
	complete and these professional services continue to be required. No cost increases apply.
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:	Ayes:
Nays:	Abstentions:
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#### **Public Comments**

Ms. Simpson recognized Ms. Pilar Hogan Closkey of SJCJ. Ms. Closkey did not have comments, but she was present to answer any questions that the Board may have pertaining to Resolution B.

## **Old Business**

Due to lack of quorum with members eligible to vote on Resolutions E and F, Mr. Asselta postponed action regarding the previously mentioned Resolutions.

#### New Business

None.

## **Executive Session**

Mr. Asselta announced the purpose of the Executive Session pertained to an update on the Dranoff litigation as well as Planned Parenthood contract negotiations.

Moved by Mr. Davis, seconded by Commissioner Maria Sharma, and affirmed by all by voice vote.

Commenced at 6:18 PM and concluded at 6:27 PM.

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

None.

#### **Adjournment**

Ms. Sharma made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Torres, and affirmed by Roll Call vote by all Commissioners. The meeting ended at approximately 6:28 PM.