

Minutes of August 1, 2012
Regular Monthly Meeting

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency met on Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at Camden City Hall, Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, 520 Market Street, Camden, New Jersey.

At the request of Vice Chair Gloria Pena, who participated via conference call, Commissioner Louis Quinones called the meeting to order at 5:50 PM. Board Clerk Carla Rhodes called roll.

- Present:** GP (via phone), KH (via phone), BM, and LQ
Absent: VB, MS, and JV
Attendees: Sandra Ross Johnson, CRA; Carla Rhodes, CRA; Johanna Conyer, CRA, James Harveson, and Olivette Simpson, CRA; Colandus "Kelly" Francis of the Camden NAACP

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
May 31, 2012 June 6, 2012 July 12, 2012	GP KH	GP KH BM LQ			The Minutes of the May 31, 2012 Caucus, June 6, 2012 Regular Meeting, and July 12, 2012 Caucus of the Camden Redevelopment Agency's Board of Commissioners were previously provided to the Commissioners. There were no comments or questions.

Executive Director's Report

Meeting Date	M	A	N	AB	Comments
August 1, 2012	KH BM	GP KH BM LQ			Executive Director Sandra Ross Johnson's report was previously provided to the Commissioners. Ms. Johnson also noted that CRA's GIS Specialist/Planner has resigned to pursue the PhD in Planning/Public Policy and August 8, 2012 will be his last day of work. An invitation was extended to the Commissioners to participate in farewell festivities after work on the 8th. There were no comments or questions.

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08-01-12C	Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to a Professional Services Agreement Between the Camden Redevelopment Agency and Wallace Roberts & Todd, LLC for the Provision of Planning Services and Preparation of an Area in Need of Redevelopment Study and Plan for the North Camden Waterfront Study Area	GP BM	GP KH BM LQ		<p>Commissioner Hagamin inquired about the cost. Housing Director Olivette Simpson noted this Resolution allows for the extension of the term of an agreement; not an increase in spending.</p> <p>There were no further questions or comments. On motions duly made and seconded, this Resolution was approved.</p>
08-01-12D	Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement Between the Camden Redevelopment Agency and the City of Camden for the Central Waterfront Parking Project	BM GP	GP KH BM LQ		<p>Commissioner Hagamin inquired about the location as well as the term of the project. Ms. Simpson confirmed it is located at the Susquehanna Bank/Tweeter Center and it has been underway since 2002.</p> <p>Mr. Asselta added: this Resolution enables CRA to fulfill a prior commitment.</p> <p>Commissioner Hagamin noted he was not on CRA's Board at the time when the project commenced. Because of the bank's hiring practices and limited reinvestment in the City of Camden, he is reluctant to support this action.</p> <p>There were no further questions or comments. On motions duly made and seconded, this Resolution was approved.</p>
08-01-12E	Resolution Authorizing the Camden Redevelopment Agency to Enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Greenbaum Rowe Smith & Davis, LLP for the Provision of Legal Services in Connection with the Redevelopment of a Portion of the 7th & Linden Site in the Camden North Gateway Redevelopment Area	GP BM	GP KH BM LQ		<p>There were no questions or comments. On motions duly made and seconded, this Resolution was approved.</p>

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08-01-12F	Resolution Authorizing Change Order #3 to a Contract Between the Camden Redevelopment Agency and Command Co., Inc. for the Construction of Roosevelt Plaza Park Phase I (\$2,490.00)	GP BM	GP KH BM LQ			There were no questions or comments. On motions duly made and seconded, this Resolution was approved.
08-01-12G	Resolution Authorizing a Contract Between the Camden Redevelopment Agency and XXX for Demolition Services Funded Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act					This Resolution was removed from the agenda. Commissioner Hagamin asked if this Resolution would be presented at a later date. Director Johnson affirmed.
08-01-12H	Resolution Authorizing the Camden Redevelopment Agency Board to Enter into a Loan Agreement with the City of Camden (\$250,000)					This Resolution was not presented for action.

Public Comments

Commissioner Quinones opened the meeting for Public Comments at 6:12 PM.

Commissioner Hagamin offered an apology to the Public for his recent unanticipated absences due to transportation issues and expressed appreciation for their interest and participation.

Commissioner Quinones accepted the apology and requested Commissioner Hagamin's participation in person at the next meeting, because important matters are not being addressed as a result of insufficient Board attendance.

Public Comments (cont'd.)

Colandus "Kelly" Francis of the Camden NAACP inquired about Resolution 08-01-12E. He asked about the status of development as well as interest from prospective tenants. Director Johnson noted plans for development encompass four blocks. Two parties are interested in two blocks each. This Resolution relates to Blocks 87 and 89.

There were no further questions or comments.

Executive Session

On a motion made by Commissioner Bryan Morton, seconded by Commissioner Hagamin, an Executive Session commenced at approximately 6:20.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 6:48.

Chairperson's Remarks

None.

Old Business

Director Johnson requested the scheduling of a Finance Committee meeting.

The Commissioners discussed the possibility of changing the meeting time; possibly to begin after 6:00 PM.

Vice Chair Gloria Pena and Commissioner Quinones commented on the need to respect the Public's time and stated penalties should be applied to those who are not in compliance with attendance rules.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Commissioner Pena, seconded by Commissioner Morton, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.