

Minutes of December 12, 2012  
Regular Monthly Meeting

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency met on Wednesday, December 12, 2012, at Camden City Hall, Suite 1300, 520 Market Street, Camden, New Jersey.

Vice Chair Gloria Pena called the meeting to order at 6:25 PM. Board Clerk Carla Rhodes called roll.

**Present:** GP, BM, LQ, and MS

**Absent:** VB, KH, and JV

**Attendees:** Sandra Ross Johnson, Mark Asselta, Carla Rhodes, Johanna Conyer, James Harveson, and Olivette Simpson, CRA; Colandus "Kelly" Francis, 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
October 22, 2012 (Special)	LQ	GP			There were no comments or questions
October 3, 2012 (Regular)	MS	BM			On a Motion made by Commissioner Louis Quinones, seconded by Commissioner Melinda Sanchez, the Minutes were approved. In a Voice Vote, adoption was affirmed by all.
September 27, 2012 (Caucus)		LQ			
September 27, 2012 (Special)		MS			

**Executive Director's Report**

Meeting Date	M	A	N	AB	Comments
12-12-12	LQ MS	GP BM LQ MS			<p>The Executive Director's written Report was previously submitted. , Executive Director Sandra Ross Johnson simply thanked the Board and CRA staff for twelve months of extraordinary service, noting milestones achieved with the audit (Finance Director Johanna Conyer), Rutgers Graduate Apartments and other housing developments (Housing Director Olivette Simpson), Kroc Center (Economic Development Director James Harveson), as well as board coordination and strategic initiatives (Executive Assistant to the Executive Director/Board Clerk Carla Rhodes). She also extended holiday greetings to the Board.</p> <p>There were no comments or questions.</p> <p>On a Motion made by Commissioner Quinones, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, the Executive Director's Report was approved. In a Voice Vote, adoption was affirmed by all.</p>



### **Public Comments**

Colandrus "Kelly" Francis of the Camden NAACP commended CRA on the Berkley Street demolitions and noted the "open space" deters vandalism. He encouraged CRA to proceed with relocation at Lanning Square swiftly in order avoid potential catastrophic events.

Mr. Kelly also wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Christopher Perks of Cooper Street inquired about the redevelopment of the Pierre Building, asking about the outcome of the recent RFP. Economic Development Director James Harveson informed the body that CRA had received one response to the RFP and it was deemed unresponsive. Ms. Johnson informed the body that Rutgers University is exploring possible use of the building and is seeking a capital assessment of the structure. Rutgers is considering converting the property into an office space. Alternatively, CRA will re-issue the RFP.

### **Chairperson's Remarks**

Vice Chair Pena thanked everyone for supporting the Board: CRA staff, Board Counsel Mark Asselta for providing guidance throughout the year, and the public for having patience. She expressed a passion for the City of Camden and wished everyone a safe and wonderful holiday.

### **Executive Session**

On a Motion made by Commissioner Quinones, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, an Executive Session commenced at 6:40 PM.

On a Motion made by Vice Chair Pena, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, the Regular Meeting resumed at 6:53 PM.

On a Motion made by Commissioner Morton, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, Resolution 12-12-12B was tabled. In a Roll Call Vote, this action was affirmed by all.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

None.

### **Adjournment**

On a Motion made by Commissioner Morton, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, this meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.

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