

Garfield Redevelopment Agency

February 5, 2018
Minutes of Public Meeting

Chairman Andreano called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Chairman Andreano announced compliance with the Sunshine Law

Notice of the time, date and place of this meeting has been provided at least 48 hours in advance (1) by publication in The Herald News and in The Bergen Record both of which are official newspapers of the City of Garfield; (2) by posting of the Notice of meeting on the Community Bulletin Board at the municipal building and (3) by filing a copy of the Notice with the City Clerk.

The following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Arthur Andreano; Commissioner Ernest Rosolen, Commissioner Joseph Delaney, Commissioner John Easom, Commissioner Anna Sciacca, Commissioner Raymond Simone.

Commissioners Peter Amadio was absent.

The following were also present: Santo T. Alampi, Esq. – attorney to the Agency; Thomas J. Duch – Executive Director; Dennis Harrington – Boswell Engineering; Pat Esposito – Secretary Beth Calderone – Certified Court Reporter.

The First agenda item was the February 2018 Bills presented for payment.

Commissioner Rosolen introduced a motion pay all the February 2018 Bills of the Agency, which was seconded by Commissioner Simone and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

The next agenda item was the memorialization of the appointments of the various Board Professionals.

The RFQ process as again explained to the Commissioners along with the explanation of the need to memorialize the appointments made at the January meeting with written resolutions. Commissioner Rosolen made a motion to approve the written resolution appointing all professionals in accordance with the motions approved in January, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Easom and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

The Commissioners then requested the RFQ for the Environmental Engineer be withdrawn.

The next agenda item was the presentation by Greater Bergen Community Action, Inc.

Robert Hausch, CEO of Greater Bergen introduced the various members of the Greater Bergen Team that have been working with Greater Bergen. Mr. Hausch explained that since 2014, Greater Bergen has been designated as the co-developer of the Passaic Street Rehabilitation Area. Mr. Hausch explained that since 2014, Greater Bergen has been meeting with various

developers discussing their needs, goals and objectives, has been surveying the merchants and talking to people in and around the Passaic Street Corridor to get a sense of what type of development would be attracted. Mr. Hausch went into significant detail about the amount of work undertaken by Greater Bergen and requested that the Agency designate it as the conditional redeveloper for the Passaic Street Rehabilitation Area.

The Commissioners then discussed the request openly. Commissioner Delaney made a motion to designate Greater Bergen as the conditional redeveloper for the Passaic Street Rehabilitation Area which motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosolen and voted unanimously by all eligible to vote.

The next agenda item was public participation.

No member of the public spoke.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Santo T. Alampi