

Garfield Redevelopment Agency

July 9, 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 Raymond Simone, Commissioner John Easom, Commissioner Anna Sciacca, Commissioner Peter Amadio.

Commissioner Joseph Delaney was absent.

The following were also present: Santo T. Alampi, Esq. – attorney to the Agency; Dennis Harrington – Boswell Engineering; Pat Esposito – Secretary Beth Calderone – Certified Court Reporter; Roy Riggitano – CFO.

Executive Director Thomas J. Duch was absent.

The First Agenda item was Old Business.

Dennis Harrington of Boswell Engineering provided the following updates:

Meridia Update:

Mr. Harrington provided an update on the Meridia Project. During his presentation, Mr. Harrington advised that a TCO on the first building (Building B), was issued. Meridia intends to finish minor sitework this week, and submit for the second TCO for Building A. Meridia is proceeding with addressing the fencing which is anticipated to be concluded in the next couple of weeks.

Report on TPA Grant:

Mr. Harrington advised that improvements were submitted to DOT for final approval. The initial amount of the grant was \$800,000; which was from River Rd. to Midland Ave., however, if an additional \$200,000 were obtained it would permit expansion of improvements to Marcel Place.

The Next Agenda item was New Business.

The first item was the approval and adoption of the Minutes of the May 7, 2018 meeting of the Board. Commissioner Amadio introduced a motion to approve the meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Vice Chair Rosolen and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote with Commissioner Simone abstaining.

The next item was the request to extend Paragon's Option to Redevelop the Kalama Site. Commissioner Easom introduced the Motion to approve the extension, which was seconded by Vice Chair Rosolen and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote. The action was memorialized as Resolution 2018-11.

The next item was the Payment of Vouchers. Commissioner Sciacca introduced a Motion for the Payment of vouchers, which was seconded by Commissioner Easom and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

The next item was the Annual Audit Report presented by CFO Roy Riggitano. Mr. Riggitano advised that there were no comments from the Redevelopment Agency's Auditors, that the books and records are in order and the Board needed to vote on a Resolution certifying the Annual Audit. Vice Chair Rosolen introduced a Motion certifying the Annual Audit, which was seconded by Commissioner Amadio and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

The Next Agenda item was Public Participation.

Vice Chair Rosolen made a Motion to open Public Session of the Meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Sciacca. All Commissioners voted affirmatively.

There were no members of the public wishing to be heard at this time.

The next meeting shall be on August 6, 2018.

Commissioner Easom made a Motion to close the meeting, which was seconded by Vice Chair Rosolen. All Commissioners voted affirmatively.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Santo T. Alampi