

Garfield Redevelopment Agency

November 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: Chairman Arthur Andreano; Commissioner Raymond Simone; Commissioner John Easom; and Commissioner Peter Amadio.

Commissioner Joseph Delaney, Commissioner Anna Sciacca and Commissioner Daniel Rigoglioso were absent.

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

The First Agenda Item was Old Business.

Mark Schavitz gave an update on the Paragon & Kalama Site. Mr. Schavitz hopes to have the site environmental issues cleared within the next year. He has been talking with the owner/seller and is still awaiting their response regarding possible residential development of the site.

The Next Agenda Item was New Business.

The first item of New Business was the approval of the Minutes of the October 15, 2018 meeting of the Board. Commissioner Easom introduced a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the Agency, which was seconded by Chairman Andreano and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

The second item of New Business was the Authorization to Post RFQ's (Request for Qualifications) for the Board's Professionals. Commissioner Simone introduced a motion to post RFQ's for Board Professional and which was seconded by Commissioner Easom and voted unanimously by all those eligible to vote.

The Next Agenda item was Resolutions or Recommended Action.

The first resolution presented to the Board was Resolution 2018-15, authorizing the Extension of the Option of Paragon Realty to redevelop the Kalama Site. Commissioner Amadio introduced a motion to approve Resolution 2018-15 which was seconded by Commissioner Easom and voted unanimously by all those eligible to vote.

The next resolution presented to the Board was Resolution 2018-16, the 2019 RGA Meeting Dates. Commissioner Easom introduced a motion to approve Resolution 2018-16 which was seconded by Commissioner Amadio and voted unanimously by all those eligible to vote.

The Next Agenda item was the November 2018 Bills presented for payment.

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

The Next Agenda item was Public Participation.

Commissioner Amadio made a Motion to go into Public Session, which was seconded by Commissioner Simione and voted unanimously by all those eligible to vote.

No member of the Public Appeared.

Commissioner Amadio made a motion to close the Public Session, which was seconded by Commissioner Simione and voted unanimously by all those eligible to vote.

The Next Agenda item was Correspondence.

Mr. Duch advised the Commissioners that Joan Bienz on behalf of “Southern Garfield” sent a letter to the Mayor expressing that they were not opposed to sensible development in “Southern Garfield”.

Commissioner Simione made a motion to close the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Easom and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Santo T. Alampi