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Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 08, 2024

2:00 P.M.

Microsoft Teams or call in (audio only)

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Phone Conference ID: 827 285 911#

MINUTES

Notice of Public Meeting: Read by Chairwoman Alea Couch: In accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, notice of this meeting has been sent to the *Bergen Record* and the *Trenton Times* at least 48 hours prior to this meeting and a meeting notice has been posted on the Secretary of State's bulletin board at the Department of State.

The following recusal process will be followed at all UEZ Board meetings:

To the extent feasible, meeting materials involving a matter from which a Board member must recuse himself or herself will not be distributed to the Board member. At the subject Board meeting, the Board member must place his or her recusal and the reason therefore on the record prior to any discussion of the matter and shall not participate in any discussion or comment leading up to the vote nor shall the member participate in the vote. The recusal shall be noted in the minutes of the Board meeting. In the event the matter in question shall be discussed at any non-public portion or executory session of the meeting, the Board member shall leave the meeting room and not return until the meeting has returned to public session.

The Roll Call was presented by calling out each department. Each representative was requested to identify themselves by announcing their first and last name. Representatives attending announced their presence.

Roll Call

Alea Couch, Department of Community Affairs Chair Designee

Aaron Binder, The Department of Labor & Workforce Development Designee

Julie Diaz, The Department of the Treasury Designee

Leslie Anderson, New Jersey Redevelopment Authority

Carmen Mendiola, Public-at-Large

William Johnson, Public-at-Large



Approval of April 10, 2024, UEZ Authority meeting minutes:

Motions:

Approve: Leslie Anderson

Second: Aaron Binder

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (6/0/0/0)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Executive Director's Report

1. UEZA is working on scheduling a training for the Board members in July 2024.
2. As of May-08-2024, there are 22 communities who submitted their Five-Year Master Plan, and 12 communities that we are waiting for their submission.
3. UEZA trying to work with HR to overcome the challenges we are facing to identify and hire qualified staff.
4. UEZA staff will be meeting with Mayors, administrators, and coordinators of several zones in May.
5. UEZA staff is working to update the UEZA website.

2. UEZ Coordinators/Representatives Roll Call

Bayonne (*Jacqueline Farber*)

Long Branch (*Richard Thompson*)

Perth Amboy (*Noelia Colon*)

Plainfield (*Jeannette Aparicio*)

3. Request to Camden UEZ Admin Budget FY25: 7-1-24 to 12-31-24 in the amount of \$163,125.

Motions:

Approve: Leslie Anderson

Second: Carmen Mendiola

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (6/0/0/0).

Camden's UEZ Coordinator, Joe Thomas, was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

4. Request to approve Long Branch UEZ Marketing Project 2024 in the amount of \$135,000.

Motions:

Approve: Carmen Mendiola

Second: Aaron Binder

Ayes:

Nays: 0

Recusals: William Johnson

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (5/0/1/0).

Long Branch's UEZ Coordinator, Richard Thompson, was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

5. Request to approve Perth Amboy UEZ Admin Budget FY24: 7-1-23 to 6-30-24 Part 2 in the amount of \$19,670.

Motions:

Approve: Julie Diaz

Second: William Johnson

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (6/0/0/0).

Perth Amboy's UEZ Coordinator, Noelia Colon, was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

6. Request to approve Perth Amboy UEZ Seasonal Clean Team Program (2) in the amount of \$150,000.

Motions:

Approve: Julie Diaz

Second: Aaron Binder

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (6/0/0/0).

Perth Amboy's UEZ Coordinator, Noelia Colon, was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

7. Request to approve Perth Amboy UEZ Fink Park Construction Project in the amount of \$700,000.

Motions:

Approve: Julie Diaz

Second: Carmen Mendiola

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (6/0/0/0).

Perth Amboy's UEZ Coordinator, Noelia Colon, was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

8. Request to approve Plainfield UEZ Special Events and Marketing in the amount of \$250,000.

Motions:

Approve: Aaron Binder

Second: William Johnson

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (6/0/0/0).

Plainfield's UEZ Coordinator, Jeannette Aparicio, was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

9. Request to approve Plainfield UEZ Market Analysis in the amount of \$100,000.

Motions:

Approve: Leslie Anderson

Second: Julie Diaz

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (6/0/0/0).

Plainfield's UEZ Coordinator, Jeannette Aparicio, was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

10. Approval to Authorize Bayonne UEZ to proceed with the Development of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a 5-Year Plan.

Motions:

Approve: Carmen Mendiola

Second: Leslie Anderson

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (6/0/0/0).

Bayonne's UEZ Coordinator, Jacqueline Farber, was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

11. Approval to Authorize Bayonne UEZ's Request for Proposal (RFP) for the undertaking of a 5-Year Plan - not to exceed \$125,000.

Motions:

Approve: Carmen Mendiola

Second: Leslie Anderson

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (6/0/0/0).

Bayonne's UEZ Coordinator, Jacqueline Farber, was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Other

None

Open to the public

No comments were made by public.

Adjournment: 02:26 p.m.

Motions:

Adjourn: Julie Diaz

Second: Carmen Mendiola

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (6/0/0/0).

Rasha Hassan

I, Rasha Hassan, have taken minutes at the May 08, 2024
Urban Enterprise Zone Authority Meeting