NEW JERSEY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

150 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08625
February 28, 2024
MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Ex-Officio Members

Kia King, representing Jacquelyn A. Suarez, Chairperson, Department of Community Affairs Aimee Manocchio Nason, representing Matthew J. Platkin, Attorney General Michael Jonas representing Elizabeth Muoio, State Treasurer Anthony Findley, representing Shawn LaTourette, Commissioner, Environmental Protection Julie Bunt, representing Kevin Dehmer, Acting Commissioner, Department of Education Robin Ford, representing Kaitlan Baston, Commissioner, Department of Health Adam Neary, representing Sarah Adelman, Commissioner, Department of Human Services Keith White, representing Robert Asaro-Angelo, Commissioner, Department of Labor Susan Weber, representing Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti, Commissioner, Department of Transportation

Paul Ceppi, NJ Economic Development Authority

PUBLIC MEMBERS

Robert Sierra, Public Member R. Andrew Marshall, Public Member William Susmas, Public Member

STAFF

Leslie A. Anderson, President & CEO
Darryl Godfrey, Chief Operating Officer
Oscar Parham, Chief Strategy Officer
Ashley Davis, Executive Staff Liason to the President & CEO
Terrence Benthall, Vice President of Business Development and Investment
Vineatra Lewis, Project Specialist

ALSO ATTENDING

Elizabeth Marshall, Deputy Attorney General Dorian Smith, Governor's Authorities Unit Jamilah Harris, NJ Department of Environmental Protection Samantha Guzman, Department of Law and Public Safety

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Ashley Davis, announced that notice of the meeting had been sent to the Trenton Times and Star Ledger at least 48 hours prior to the meeting and that a meeting notice had been duly posted on the Secretary of State's bulletin board at the State House.

COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #24-01 Acceptance of the Findings of the 2021-2022 Independent Audit

Motion to Approve: Paul Ceppi Second: R. Andrew Marshall Yeas: 13 Nays:0 Abstentions: 0

Resolution #24-02 Approval of Financial Assistance up to \$1,728,747 in Financial Assistance from the Redevelopment Investment Fund (RIF) to 308

Lyons Avenue Urban Renewal LLC

Motion to Approve: Anthony Findley Second: Paul Ceppi

Motion to Approve with the modification of changing the NJRA to second lien position and add

\$25,000 to use of funds for Environmental Costs

Yeas: 13 Nays:0 Abstentions: 0

Board Member Anthony Findley asked who is taking the first lien position. NJRA staff responded, CPC is Community Preservation Corporation. They are a permanent lender and construction lender and have a policy to be the first lien. The NJRA is normally in first lien position but will defer to second lien after reviewing the financials. Board Member Findley also asked for \$25,000 to be put into a line item for environmental investigation. NJRA COO Darryl Godfrey said he will put it as a condition for closing. Board Member Findley also remarked that the building this project will go in has been an eye sore in the community and will be a positive change.

Board Member Susan Weber asked what kind of uses this project will be used for beside residential. NJRA COO Darryl Godfrey responded that this project will also have a catering hall, restaurant, and a training facility to provide job training for future chefs.

Board Member Aimee Manocchio Nason said that the loan term is listed for 36 months but was said in the meeting that the term of the loan was for 24 months. NJRA President and CEO Leslie A. Anderson responded that the loan term is for 24 months, and she has the authority to provide an extension for up to 36 months. Board Member Manocchio Nason also asked what the loan was financing. NJRA COO Darryl Godfrey responded that the loan would finance soft costs.

OTHER BUSINESS

NJRA President and CEO Leslie A. Anderson commented to the board that the NJRA now has the resources and are actively working in the community. She gave kudos to NJRA staff, Darryl Godfrey and Terrence Benthall for all of their diligent work. They are working hard to bring ready projects to the Board. The NJRA is working to make sure borrows have the money to not only repay their loan but to complete the project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn: R. Andrew Marshall Second: William Sumas

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 am

Certification: The foregoing and attachments represent a true and complete summary of the

actions taken by the New Jersey Redevelopment Authority at its February 28, 2024, meeting.

Leslie A. Anderson, Secretary

New Jersey Redevelopment Authority