

# ATLANTIC CITY TOURISM ADVISORY COMMISSION

## MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Tuesday, August 26, 2014  
**Time:** 5:00 p.m.  
**Location:** 15 S. Pennsylvania Avenue  
Atlantic City, NJ 08401

**PRESIDING:** Derek Cason, Chair  
**PRESENT:** John Exadaktilos, Joseph Kelly, Ali Reynolds, Sly Stankovic, Rev. William Williams III  
**ABSENT:** Daryl Bulthius, Joseph Maher  
**CRDA STAFF:** Sharon Dickerson, Lisa Britt, Oriana Mondragon

### OPENING STATEMENT

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 5:00PM. Ms. Britt read a statement of compliance with the notice requirements of the Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act and called the roll.

### RATIFICATION of MINUTES

The Chair requested a motion to ratify the meeting minutes dated May 27, 2014. A motion was made by Rev. Williams and seconded by John Exadaktilos. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the commissioners.

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- The chair commented that this summer has been great since it offered many options for visitors, such as the Blake Shelton and Lady Antebellum concerts.

### APPROVAL OF 2014-2015 MEETING SCHEDULES (Monthly v. Quarterly)

The Chair requested a motion for the approval of the quarterly meeting schedule. A motion was made by Rev. Williams and seconded by Ali Reynolds. Motion was approved by unanimous vote of the commissioners.

### COMMISSIONER RESIGNATION

The Chair requested a motion for the approval of the Commissioner Mill's resignation. A motion was made by John Exadaktilos and seconded by Sly Stankovic. Motion was approved by unanimous vote of the commissioners.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Clean and Safe – Mr. John Exadaktilos**

- Mr. Exadaktilos commented about a meeting of members of the Ducktown community which took place in Gordon's Alley about two weeks prior.
- The Ducktown community is not happy with progress to improve the areas between Mississippi and Texas Ave.
- Mr. Exadaktilos stated that Mayor Don Guardian and Mr. Gilbert were present at the meeting.
- One issue discussed was the delay in the cleanup after the beach concerts.
- Mr. Exadaktilos commented that code, fire, police and construction should conduct an evaluation of the buildings and see if they are conforming to the law.
  - Sharon commented that CRDA code enforcement is implementing more enforcement activity within the tourism district.

### **Education & Work Force Development – Rev. William Williams**

- Rev. Williams discussed a previously approved resolution that is focused on programs for young children and the workforce.
- Ali Reynolds commented that there is a new committee that has started programs that are directed towards the youth that teach useful skills. The goal is to expand the program.
- Rev. Williams mentioned that these types of youth programs should begin with children as young as fourth grade. Ms. Reynolds agreed.
- Mr. Cason commented that Reliance Medical Group and Stockton College are proposing the creation of a medical complex in Atlantic City where they would provide a 5 year college program to get a degree as physician's assistant.
- Rev. Williams commented about the casino job loss in Atlantic City and that re-training of these former casinos employees is needed. He inquired how the City plans to provide this training along with CRDA in which Ms Reynolds responded that CRDA has assisted the City by providing funding for its jobs program.

### **Economic Development Agenda – Mr. Joseph Kelly**

- Mr. Kelly commented that his term is going to be up and shared that he has submitted a recommendation for the position.
- Mr. Kelly announced that the Chamber will be hosting a meeting on August 26, 2014 which will focus on job and housing initiatives. This purpose of the meeting is to get private and public sector leaders together to discuss these issues.
- Mr. Kelly commented that on the community front, they are working on two projects that CRDA is also working on; John Brooks Recovery Center and Sister Jeans.

### **General Public Comment**

Ms. Libby Wills of Atlantic City commented that the Commission to do more outreach to the community to get them involved in the Commission meetings.