



Casino Reinvestment Development Authority



CASINO REINVESTMENT
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
15 SOUTH PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE
ATLANTIC CITY, NJ 08401

**MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING 14-6
JUNE 17, 2014**

- PRESIDING:** Chair, James Kehoe
- PRESENT:** Tom Ballance, Robert Bartolone for DCA Commissioner Richard Constable, Debra DiLorenzo, Edward Gant, Mark Giannantonio, Mayor Don Guardian, David Rebeck for Acting Attorney General John Hoffman, Howard Kyle, Matthew Levinson, Robert Mulcahy, William Mullen, Frank Spencer
- ABSENT:** Gerald Owens, Robert Shaughnessy for State Treasurer Andrew Sidamon-Eristoff, Richard Tolson
- STAFF:** John F. Palmieri, Susan Thompson, Val Berzins, Paul G. Weiss, Esq., Larry Sieg, Gary Musich, Rick Santoro, Rosalind Kincaid, Tom Meehan, Bunny Rixey, Ali Reynolds, Lisa Risteski, Heather Walls, Donna Pless
- OTHER ATTENDEES:** Kerstin Sundstrom, Governor’s Authorities Unit, Michael Sullivan, GAU Intern

OPENING STATEMENT

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 2:00pm. Ms. Risteski 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 THE MINUTES OF MAY 20, 2014

The Chair requested a motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2014 Members’ Meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Giannantonio and seconded by Mr. Levinson. Resolution 14-78 was approved by unanimous vote of 13-0.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The Chair asked the members to review the Treasurer’s report. A motion to approve and file the report was made by Mr. Gant and seconded by Mr. Giannantonio. The Treasurer’s report was approved and adopted by unanimous vote of the members.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mr. Palmieri updated the members and the public on the following matters:

- Atlantic City was named “Top East Coast Family Beach Destination” by ABC



Travel Guides for Kids.

- Work on Pacific Avenue has begun, project updates are available at njcrda.com and specific questions can be directed to PacificAvePaving@CityOfAtlanticCity.org
- The Challenge Triathlon will be hosted in Atlantic City on June 29th. This full scale event has been held around the world and is making its debut in the US with this AC event.
- Scaffolding and work crews are on Atlantic Avenue with the start of façade improvements in the 1600 and 1700 blocks.
- MeetAC, the new non-profit for convention sales has selected its CEO.
- The CRDA has hired a new Director of Planning, Lance Landgraf, who comes to us with extensive planning and Atlantic City experience.
- LGBT held its press event yesterday in Brighton Park to announce four major events in the City including the 2014 Miss'd America Pageant, the Sand Blast Weekend July 18-20, Stand Out Expo Sept 26-28 and the LGBT Beach at Park Place
- The DO AC Sand Sculpting World Cup returns to Atlantic City from June 19-July 6.

ATLANTIC CITY DEVELOPMENT & PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE

In order to accommodate the public attendees, the Chair went out of order from the agenda and heard the following item first:

RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AWARDING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANTS IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$253,694 FROM THE TOURISM DISTRICT AND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND, AND AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENTS, ALL IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ATLANTIC CITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The resolution was read by title. Ms. DiLorenzo entered her recusal. Mr. Palmieri described the proposed action and listed the grant recipients. Mr. Rebeck sought clarification on the amount of one of the grant awards. Hearing no further member discussion, the Chair opened the matter for public comment. The following grant recipients expressed their appreciation for the Authority's support of their community-based program:



- Joe Kelly, Chamber of Commerce Air Show
- Steven Brog, Atlantic City Marathon
- Phyllis Papa, Atlantic City Ballet
- Jon Henderson, Atlantic City
- Henrietta Shelton, Chicken Bone Beach
- Dennis Konzelman, Armed Forces Parade
- Sara Glendlek, DOArtAC Show
- Jazmin Vega, Back to School Community Day

Hearing no further discussion, the Chair requested a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Mulcahy. Resolution 14-81 was approved by unanimous vote of the eligible members.

RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPROVING: (I) A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE AS-NEEDED ELECTRICAL SERVICES CONTRACTS WITH CALVI ELECTRIC COMPANY, CORSON ELECTRIC, RAY ANGELINI, INC, ALLAN BRITWAY ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS, INC AND SCARPA ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AFFECTING PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH IN THE ATLANTIC CITY TOURISM DISTRICT THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015, AND (II) A SUPPLEMENTAL FUND RESERVATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 FROM THE TOURISM DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

The resolution was read by title. Mr. Gant, Mr. Kyle and Mr. Levinson entered their recusals. Hearing no member discussion or public comment, the Chair requested a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Mulcahy. Resolution 14-79 was approved by unanimous vote of the eligible members.

RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY GRANTING AMENDED PROJECT APPROVAL OF THE ATLANTIC CITY TRAVELERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The resolution was read by title. Mr. Palmieri provided a description of the proposed action. Hearing no member discussion, the Chair opened the matter for public comment. Ms. Ann Thorsen, Director of Jewish Family Services and the Single Point of Entry



Project expressed her organization's appreciation for the Authority's support and outlined the anticipated benefits to the homeless of the proposed amendment. Hearing no further public comment, the Chair requested a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Gant and seconded by Mr. Spencer. Resolution 14-80 was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY REJECTING ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR GENERAL
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE NON-CASINO OPEN SPACE
AREAS AT MONTPELIER AVENUE OF THE ATLANTIC CITY
BOARDWALK IN FURTHERANCE OF THE BOARDWALK
REVITALIZATION PROJECT**

The resolution was read by title. Mr. Giannantonio entered his recusal. Hearing no member discussion or public comment, the Chair requested a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Kyle and seconded by Mr. Levinson. Resolution 14-82 was approved by unanimous vote of the eligible members.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL FUND RESERVATION IN
AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$58,788 FROM THE ATLANTIC CITY
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND IN SUPPORT OF
MAIN STREET ATLANTIC CITY, INC FOR A SIX MONTH TERM ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2014**

The resolution was read by title. Mr. Levinson entered his recusal. Hearing no member discussion, the Chair opened the matter to the public. Mr. William Cheatham asked the members to consider saving a theater in the 1300 block. Hearing no further public comment, the Chair requested a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Gant and seconded by Mr. Spencer. Resolution 14-83 was approved by unanimous vote of the eligible members.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY AWARDDING A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000 FROM THE
TOURISM DISTRICT AND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND,**



AND AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT TO COALITION FOR A SAFE COMMUNITY, ALL IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ATLANTIC CITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The resolution was read by title. Mayor Guardian and Ms. DiLorenzo entered their recusals. Hearing no member discussion or public comment, the Chair opened the matter to the public. Sheriff Frank Balles explained the details of the program and Mr. Kareem Shabazz thanked the Authority for its support. Hearing no further public comment, the Chair requested a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Levinson. Resolution 14-84 was approved by unanimous vote of the eligible members.

RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY GRANTING A PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF PROJECT ELIGIBILITY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING HALL OF FAME PROJECT AND APPROVING A FUND RESERVATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 TO FUND A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO DETERMINE VIABILITY OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

The resolution was read by title. Mr. Palmieri provided a description of the proposed project. Hearing no member discussion, the Chair opened the matter to the public. Mr. William Cheatham inquired where the project may be located. Mr. Palmieri indicated a location had not been decided yet, and would be part of the feasibility study. Hearing no further public comment, the Chair requested a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Levinson and seconded by Mr. Mulcahy. Resolution 14-85 was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPROVING THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH B & B PARKING INC

The resolution was read by title. Mr. Palmieri provided a description of the proposed action. Hearing no member discussion, the Chair opened the matter to the public. Mr. William Cheatham inquired to the location of the parking lot to which Mr. Palmieri indicated it was at the proposed site for the Public Marketplace and would be utilized as a



parking lot until construction commenced. Hearing no further member discussion or public comment, the Chair requested a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Gant and seconded by Mr. Spencer. Resolution 14-86 was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY APPROVING THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF AN
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ATLANTIC
CITY FOR A JOBS TRAINING PROGRAM FOR CITY RESIDENTS**

The resolution was read by title. Mayor Guardian entered his recusal on the record. Mr. Palmieri provided a description of the proposed action. Mr. Mulcahy thanked the Mayor for the initiative. Hearing no further member discussion, the Chair opened the matter to the public. Mr. Cheatham expressed his support for the project. Hearing no further public comment, the Chair requested a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Giannantonio. Resolution 14-87 was approved by unanimous vote of the eligible members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. William Cheatham distributed an opinion letter from The Press of Atlantic City dated July 11, 2011 and expressed the importance of listening to ideas from local residents.

Mr. Michael Feeley, Volleyball Director, thanked the Authority for its support, introduced Ken Koenig, Stockton volleyball coach and inquired about an order of volleyball equipment for the Armory which had not been received. The Chair stated the matter would be researched and staff would follow-up before the next meeting. Mr. Feeley responded to Mr. Gant's request for information about usage of the outdoor volleyball courts next to the Showboat, and indicated that most of the usage is by leagues mid-week in the evenings and stated approximately 300 people per week use the courts.

Mr. Kareem Shabazz indicated his support for the Citywide Jobs Program.

Mr. Jon Henderson, Seafood Festival offered his organization's support to other community events if needed.

Ms. Maureen Frank thanked Mr. Cheatham, President of the Library Board, for his



continued support and announced the Garden Pier would be reopened this weekend.

Mr. Paul Herrold expressed thanks for the paving and lighting recently completed at Gardner's Basin.

Hearing no further public comment, the Chair announced that the members would be entering into executive session to discuss potential litigation matters pertaining to the Golden Nugget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPROVING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION MATTERS

The resolution was read by title. A motion was made by Mr. Kyle and seconded by Mr. Spencer. Resolution 14-88 was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

Upon returning to the open public session portion of the meeting, and having no further business, the Chair requested a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Mr. Gant and seconded by Mr. Levinson. Motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

CERTIFICATION

I, HOWARD J. KYLE, Secretary of the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Open Session of the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority conducted on:

June 17, 2014

HOWARD J. KYLE, SECRETARY