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NEW JERSEY URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY

Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

2:00 P.M.

Microsoft Teams or call in (audio only)

1 (856) 338-7074

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

Darryl Godfrey, New Jersey Redevelopment Authority

Carmen Mendiola, Public-at-Large

William Johnson, Public-at-Large

Douglas Schneider, Public-at-Large



Approval of March 13, 2024, UEZ Authority meeting minutes:

Motions:

Approve: Darryl Godfrey

Second: Julie Diaz

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Executive Director's Report

Executive Direct James Slaughter gave his report in reference to UEZA activities for March/April 2024, as follow:

- Five-Year Plan: waiting for 12 more zones to submit, and staff will be developing review protocol.
- We have approved 208 projects, totaling \$62,061,289 since the program's relaunch and our first board meeting in 2022.
- We're working to enhance training for coordinators, and will be offering training for board members who have not yet been trained.
- We will be reviewing old files for archival or destruction in the near future.

2. Acceptance of the FY2020, FY2021 and FY2022 Audits and Audit Reports of the Financial Statements of the Urban Enterprise Zone Assistance Fund.

Motions:

Approve: Darryl Godfrey

Second: Aaron Binder

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

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

Chair of the Audit Committee, Kia King, was present during the meeting; there were no audit findings or deficiencies to address.

3. UEZ Coordinators/Representatives Roll Call

Bayonne (*Jacqueline Farber*)

Elizabeth (*William O'Dea*)

Gloucester City (*Lori Ryan*)

Lakewood (*David Klein*)
Long Branch (*Richard Thompson*)
New Brunswick (*Dan Dominguez*)
Orange (*Christopher Mobley*)
Perth Amboy (*Noelia Colon*)
Plainfield (*Jeannette Aparicio*)

4. Request to approve Bayonne UEZ Hometown Fair in the amount of \$15,000.

Motions:

Approve: Aaron Binder

Second: Julie Diaz

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.

5. Request to approve Elizabeth UEZ Security Camera Project in the amount of \$16,500.

Motions:

Approve: Julie Diaz

Second: Aaron Binder

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

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

Elizabeth's UEZ Representative, William O'Dea, was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

6. Request to approve Gloucester City UEZ Corridor Beautification Program in the amount of \$50,000.

Motions:

Approve: Darryl Godfrey

Second: Julie Diaz

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

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

Gloucester City UEZ Coordinator, Lori Ryan, was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

7. Request to approve Lakewood UEZ Police Safety Initiative Phase II in the amount of \$250,000.

Motions:

Approve: Darryl Godfrey

Second: Aaron Binder

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

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

Lakewood's UEZ Coordinator, David Klein, was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

8. Request to approve New Brunswick UEZ Improved Trash Cans in the amount of \$250,000.

Motions:

Approve: Aaron Binder

Second: Julie Diaz

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 1- Douglas Schneider

Motion carried with a vote (6/0/0/1).

New Brunswick's UEZ Coordinator, Dan Dominguez, was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

9. Request to approve Perth Amboy UEZ Fireworks Event in the amount of \$40,000.

Motions:

Approve: Julie Diaz

Second: Carmen Mendiola

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (7/0/0/0).

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

10. Request to approve Plainfield UEZ Storefront Rolling Security Gate Removal in the amount of \$500,000.

Motions:

Approve: Carmen Mendiola

Second: Julie Diaz

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (7/0/0/0).

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

11. Request to approve Plainfield UEZ Admin Budget FY24: 7-01-23 to 6-30-24 in the amount of \$100,255.

Motions:

Approve: Aaron Binder

Second: Carmen Mendiola

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (7/0/0/0).

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

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

Motions:

Approve: Carmen Mendiola

Second: Douglas Schneider

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Recusals: 1 – William Johnson

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (6/0/1/0).

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

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

Motions:

Approve: Darryl Godfrey
Second: Julie Diaz
Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Recusals: 1 – William Johnson
Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (6/0/1/0).

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

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

Motions:

Approve: Darryl Godfrey
Second: Carmen Mendiola
Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Recusals: 0
Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (7/0/0/0).

Orange's UEZ Coordinator, Christopher Mobley, was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

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

Motions:

Approve: Darryl Godfrey
Second: Aaron Binder
Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Recusals: 0
Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (7/0/0/0).

Orange's UEZ Coordinator, Christopher Mobley, was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

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

Motions:

Approve: Carmen Mendiola
Second: Douglas Schneider
Ayes: 7

Nays: 0
Recusals: 0
Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (7/0/0/0).

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

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

Motions:

Approve: Darryl Godfrey
Second: Carmen Mendiola
Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Recusals: 0
Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (7/0/0/0).

Plainfield's UEZ Coordinator, Jeannette Aparicio, 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: 2:38 p.m.

Motions:

Adjourn: Julie Diaz
Second: Darryl Godfrey
Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Recusals: 0
Abstentions: 0
Motion carried with a vote (7/0/0/0).

Christine Ott

I, Christine Ott, have taken minutes at the April 10, 2024
Urban Enterprise Zone Authority Meeting