CASINO REVENUE FUND ADVISORY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING ON March 9, 2018

MINUTES OF MEETING

The regular meeting of the Casino Revenue Fund Advisory Commission was held on Friday, March 9, 2018 at the State House Annex. Those in attendance were:

Members:
Jim Thebery, Chair NJACDS
Tina Zsenak, Vice Chair – DHS
James Carney, Secretary – Seniors
DiAnne Gove, 9th District Assembly Rep.
Derek DeLuca, for Assembly Republicans
Maureen Bergeron, NJ4A
Rebecca Panitch, Senate Rep. Office
Jason Smith, for Assw. Gove office
Tom Little, for Sen Vin Gopal (D)
Guests:
Lisa Tulley, NJ Transit
Support:
Karen Storcella, Treasury

Jim opened the meeting followed by the flag salute by Assemblywoman Gove. Minutes for the January 12, 2018 approved.

Membership:
Introduction/welcome of committee and guests were announced.

Assw. DiAnne Gove (R)
Committees: Higher Education, Human Services, Military & Veterans Affairs, Joint Committee on the Public Schools, Tourism, Homeland Security.
Public/Party Service: Long Beach Twp, Commissioner 2008-09, w003-04, 1984-88, Mayor 2004-08: Ocean County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women 1986-98
Legislative service: General Assembly 2009-present, Policy Co-Chair 2014-present.

Tom Little – representing:
Senator Vin Gopal (D)
Committees: Transportation (Vice Chair), Economic Growth, Health, Human Services & Senior Citizens.
Legislative service: Senate 2018-present.

Tina Zsenak (NJ Dept. of Human Services, Division of Aging Services)
Programs: Adult Day services (Alzheimer's disease or related disorders), State Respite Care, State Congregate Housing, Adult Protective Services, Safe Housing and Transportation, Transportation, Home delivered Meals. Also, the PAAD – Pharmaceutical Assistance to Aged and Disabled).

Jim Thebery mentioned he sent letters to the Governor and Assembly speaker for appointments to the Casino Revenue Fund Advisory Committee.
Derek DeLuca added the need for (1) appointment for Assembly (R) and (2) appointments for speakers – disabled.

Jim Carney stated Atlantic City has the highest forclosure rate in New Jersey. Casinos closed, businesses closed and there are challenges that have not been addressed by government and communities. However, with the (2) new casinos opening, and Stockton University the outcome could be positive.

Jim Thebery – Hard Rock & Ocean Club Resort will be opening this summer. Both will be offering Internet betting. Waiting for decision on the sports betting. Decision should be made by May 2018.

All Updates for the CRFAC Annual Budget Report due to Jim Thebery by Thursday, April 12, 2018.

What's happening in AC
REVEL – has been sold to AC Ocean Walk, a group led by Colorado based investor Bruce Deifik. Scheduled to open summer of 2018.
Hard Rock – Partners Jim Allen, Jack Morris and Joe Jingoli are investing for a complete make-over of the former Trump Taj Mahal property. Hard Rock is scheduled to open summer 2018. This project will create more than 3,000 permanent jobs and will feature 165,000 sq. feet of meeting and convention space as well as, 5,700 concert seating space.
Steel Pier Observation Wheel – Steel Pier's 227 foot tall observation wheel opened in December 2017. The $14 million project (200 ft observation wheel) includes 42 enclosed climate-controlled gondolas on their existing deck and is open year round.
Stockton University – Campus will be located at the intersections of Atlantic, Albany and Pacific Avenues. The grand opening is scheduled for the fall of 2018. This will include: a housing and student center on the Boardwalk for 500+ students, a parking garage and academic building for up to 1,800 students.

General:
Travel expense reports were distributed to committee and instructed to use for travel expenses to and from the CRFAC meetings in Trenton. (ie. Mileage, tolls, parking)

Motion to close the meeting – motion seconded. 12:00p. Next meeting will be on Friday, May 11, 2018 at the State House Annex, in Trenton, NJ Room 10. Room 10 is on the 3rd floor.