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**NEW JERSEY URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE
AUTHORITY MEETING**

Wednesday, August 10, 2022
2:00 P.M.

Microsoft Teams or call in (audio only)
1(856)338-7074
Phone Conference ID: 484 323 460#

MINUTES

Notice of Public Meeting: Read by Chairperson Sean Thompson: **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:

- 1) 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.**
- 2) 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.**
- 3) 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.**

Roll Call: Sean Thompson, Department of Community Affairs Chair Designee, Julie Diaz, The Department of Labor & Workforce Development Designee, Aaron Binder, The Department of the Treasury Designee, Leslie Anderson, New Jersey Redevelopment Authority (NJRA), Tai Cooper, New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) Designee.

Approval of July 13, 2022, UEZ Authority meeting minutes:

Motions:

Approve: Tai Cooper

Second: Julie Diaz

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (5/0/0/0).

Acting Executive Director's Report

Acting Executive Director (AED) Simmons thanked the Board and others on the call, providing an update on several items pertaining to UEZ. The first round of payments to the zones that presented projects on the May agenda have been released as of 8/9/22. A mention by the AED of obtaining public members came about noting that the GAU is currently working on filing the vacant public members' position. AED stated that the Regs are in the process of being updated as well as the Zone modification.

The AED informed the Board of staffing changes with additional FTEs coming onboard to assist with the finance side and special projects. The upcoming Governor's conference will be held in September and will be speaking on behalf of the Urban Enterprise Zones portion of the conference. UEZ is currently working on an updated user-friendly website.

NEW BUSINESS

I. Request to approve Camden's Administrative budget ending FY23 - \$154,195

Motions:

Approve: Tai Cooper

Second: Leslie Anderson

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (5/0/0/0).

Camden's Coordinator Joe Thomas was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board, and to give a brief overview of the request.

Mr. Thomas mentioned this approval would provide Camden with the capacity to bring on new staff and has a plethora of projects that the UEZ has provided the opportunity to do along with an aggressive marketing plan to inform Camden's businesses and residents of exactly what is available for them.

Mr. Thomas thanked the Board and the staff for their support.

II. Request to approve UEZ Elizabeth City's FY23 Administrative budget - \$585,454

Motions:

Approve: Leslie Anderson

Second: Tai Cooper

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion passed with a vote (5/0/0/0).

Elizabeth City's Coordinator Dan Devanney was present during the meeting to address questions and concerns raised by the Board, and to give a brief overview of the request.

UEZ Coordinator Devanney stated that Elizabeth City is currently working with their local chamber to bring a ferry service to the airport area of the zone, as well as, working with a local developer to bring a promenade for street fairs and musical performances on the property, joining the new Matan Elizabeth train station that is presently under construction by New Jersey Transit.

The fiscal year administrative budget request will allow the zone to continue with these programs and others as well as with new programs and projects that will come.

Mr. Devanney thanked the Board and the staff for their support.

III. Request to approve Kearny's UEZ FY23 Administrative budget - \$125,000

Motions:

Approve: Julie Diaz

Second: Leslie Anderson

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (5/0/0/0).

Kearny's Coordinator John Peneda was present during the meeting to address any questions or concerns raised by the Board and to give a brief overview of the request.

Mr. Peneda expressed gratitude for the funding as this would create long term opportunities for hiring and promoting of the program as Kearny is looking to strengthen and diversify the economic base to create new long term employment opportunities.

Mr. Peneda thanked the staff and the UEZA for their support.

IV. Request to approve Pleasantville's FY22 UEZ Administrative budget - \$57,525

Approve: Julie Diaz
Second: Leslie Anderson
Ayes: 5
Noes: 0
Recusals: 0
Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (5/0/0/0).

Pleasantville's Coordinator Jacqueline Amado-Belton was present during the meeting to address any questions and concerns raised by the Board and to give a brief overview of the request.

Ms. Amado-Belton mentioned this request is for the months from March to June to pay for Coordinator salary and to help jumpstart UEZ again. Pleasantville will be utilizing UEZ funds to continue the second phase of the city center development.

Ms. Amado-Belton thanked the staff and the UEZA for their support.

West Wildwood

V. Request to approve West Wildwood's Borough Hall informational sign - \$20,045

Motions:
Approve: Tai Cooper
Second: Aaron Binder
Ayes: 5
Noes: 0
Recusals: 0
Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (5/0/0/0).

Wildwood City's Coordinator Steve Booy was present during the meeting to address any questions or concerns raised by the Board and to give a brief overview of the request.

Chairman Thompson asked the staff if UEZ funds been used previously for a municipal informational sign? Acting ED Simmons responded yes, it is an applicable use.

Coordinator Booy thanked the staff and the UEZA for their support.

VI. Wildwood

- **Approval of Wildwood's 2022 Master Plan Reexamination project - \$70,000**

Motions:

Approve: Tai Cooper

Second: Leslie Anderson

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (5/0/0/0).

Wildwood's Coordinator Steve Booy was present during the meeting to address any questions or concerns raised by the Board and to give a brief overview of the request.

Mr. Booy stated this is a refined application enhancing dining options, creating parklets, more wayfinding, more signage the primary purpose is master primary examination.

Coordinator Booy thanked the staff and the UEZA for their support.

Adjournment: 3:00 pm

Motions:

Adjourn: Tai Cooper

Second: Leslie Anderson

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (5/0/0/0).

Ebony McNeill

I, Ebony McNeill has taken minutes at the August 10, 2022
Urban Enterprise Zone Authority Meeting