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NEW JERSEY URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY

Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

2:00 P.M.

Microsoft Teams or call in (audio only)

1 (856) 338-7074

Phone Conference ID: 428 222 304 #

MINUTES

Notice of Public Meeting: Read by Chairwoman Kimberly Holmes: 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

Kimberly Holmes, Department of Community Affairs Chair Designee

Julie Diaz, The Department of Labor & Workforce Development Designee

Aaron Binder, The Department of the Treasury Designee

Tai Cooper, New Jersey Economic Development Authority

Darryl Godfrey, New Jersey Redevelopment Authority

Carmen Mendiola, Public-at-Large

William Johnson, Public-at-Large

Douglas Schneider, Public-at-Large

Approval of June 14, 2023, UEZ Authority meeting minutes:

Motions:

Approve: Darryl Godfrey

Second: Douglas Schneider

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (7/0/0/1)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Executive Director's Report.

The Urban Enterprise Zone Authority during June/July, 2023 participated in the following activities:

1. Several UEZ communities have prepared a request for proposal (RFP), for hiring a consultant to prepare the Preliminary Zone Development Plan. The RFP will be advertised and if the UEZ community is seeking funding, they will prepare a project funding application. Communities underwriting these activities, will only be subject to board approval for the Preliminary Zone Development Plan, if no funding is sought. As a reminder, UEZ communities can receive up to 10% of the municipality's zone assistance fund allocation for the Preliminary Zone Development Plan, or \$125,000 whichever is greater.
2. We have initiated a UEZ marketing packet, in conjunction with our UEZ co-partners, to prove visibility to eligible businesses.
3. UEZA has been processing projects applications for upcoming meetings, and we are setting up systems to improve review time. Many UEZ communities are submitting projects applications.
4. The UEZ Guide was sent to our UEZ coordinators as a tool to resolve applications problems in finance and compliance submissions.
5. Finally, we have processed over 103 projects totaling \$125,000,000. We are encouraging our UEZ communities to design programs that will create jobs.

This is a snapshot of our activities during June/July, 2023

2 UEZ Coordinators/Representatives Roll Call

Bayonne, Jacqueline Farber

North Wildwood, Steve Booy

Orange, Chris Mobley

Union City, David Spatz

Vineland, Sandra Forosisky

Wildwood, Steve Booy

3 Request to approve Bayonne UEZ Beatification for Broadway in the amount of - \$448,000.

Motions:

Approve: Julie Diaz

Second: Carmen Mendiola

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (8/0/0/0).

Bayonne's UEZ Coordinator, Jacqueline Farber, was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

4 Request to approve North Wildwood UEZ-Security Camera System Upgrade in the amount of - \$54,562.

Motions:

Approve: Carmen Mendiola

Second: Douglas Schneider

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (8/0/0/0).

North Wildwood's UEZ Coordinator, Steve Booy, was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

- 5 Request to approve Orange UEZ Litter Collection Services Project 2023 in the amount of - \$204,208.39.**

Motions:

Approve: Darryl Godfrey

Second: Tai Cooper

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (8/0/0/0).

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

- 6 Request to approve Union City UEZ Bergenline Ave Streetscape Improvements Ph 2 in the amount of - \$1,702,712.**

Motions:

Approve: Carmen Mendiola

Second: Darryl Godfrey

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (8/0/0/0).

Union City's UEZ Representative, David Spatz, was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

- 7 Request to approve Vineland UEZ Admin Budget FY24: 07-01-23 to 06-30-24 in the amount of - \$365,000.**

Motions:

Approve: Carmen Mendiola

Second: Tai Cooper

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (8/0/0/0).

Vineland's UEZ Coordinator, Sandra Forosisky, was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

8 Request to approve Wildwood UEZ Acquisition of Trash Receptacles & Benches in the amount of - \$248,802.

Motions:

Approve: Darryl Godfrey

Second: Tai Cooper

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (8/0/0/0).

Wildwood's UEZ Coordinator, Steve Booy, was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board for both projects.

9 Request to approve Wildwood UEZ – Maple Ave UEZ Corridor Street End Improvement in the amount of - \$458,250.

Motions:

Approve: Julie Diaz

Second: Aaron Binder

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (8/0/0/0).

Wildwood's UEZ Coordinator, Steve Booy, was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board for both projects.

OLD BUSINESS

Other

None

Open to the public

Comments were made by Noelia Colon, who had concerns on the proposal review process. Ms. Holmes told Ms. Colon that she will meet with the UEZA team and provide a written response to all UEZ Coordinators.

Adjournment: 2:36 p.m.

Motions:

Adjourn: Julie Diaz

Second: Carmen Mendiola

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

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

Rasha Hassan

I, Rasha Hassan, have taken minutes at the July 12, 2023
Urban Enterprise Zone Authority Meeting