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NEW JERSEY URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY

Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

2:00 P.M.

Microsoft Teams or call in (audio only)

1 (856) 338-7074

Phone Conference ID: 367 619 062 #

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

Leslie Anderson, New Jersey Redevelopment Authority

William Guccio, Public-at-Large

Carmen Mendiola, Public-at-Large

William Johnson, Public-at-Large

Douglas Schneider, Public-at-Large



Approval of July 12, 2023, UEZ Authority meeting minutes:

Motions:

Approve: Leslie Anderson

Second: Tai Cooper

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (9/0/0/1)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Executive Director's Report.

1. We have established A General Statement for the preparation of project proposal and guidelines for Public Safety.
2. We are undertaking a training session for UEZA Coordinators on August 23, 2023.
3. Since May 2022, the Board has approved 117 projects with a total amount of expenditure of **\$33,740,000.**
4. The Guide for Completing Zone Assistance Funding Application has been helpful for coordinators with preparing their applications. We have Sent the Zone Assistance Guide, General Statement, and Public Safety Guidelines to the Board members.
5. We are undertaking a Program Evaluation to analyze before and after comparisons for projects and will be used as a tool for our auditing.
6. Staffing of UEZA is ongoing. We are hiring temp staff and are waiting to determine if positions have been approved.

This is a snapshot of our ongoing activities from last month and into this month.

Now we will move to our Roll Call for our UEZ Coordinators.

2 UEZ Coordinators/Representatives Roll Call

Carteret, Bob Makin
Irvington, Cassandra Chatman
Millville, Heather Santoro
Passaic, Ricardo Fernandez
Paterson, Penni Forestieri
Camden, Joe Thomas

3 Request to approve Carteret UEZ Admin Budget FY24 07-01-23 to 06-30-24 in the amount of - \$33,212.

Motions:

Approve: Leslie Anderson
Second: Douglas Schneider
Ayes: 9
Nays: 0
Recusals: 0
Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (9/0/0/0).

Carteret's UEZ Coordinator, Bob Makin, was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

4 Request to approve Irvington UEZ Clean Sweep Program in the amount of - \$692,664.

Motions:

Approve: Carmen Mendiola
Second: Tai Cooper
Ayes: 9
Nays: 0
Recusals: 0
Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (9/0/0/0).

Irvington's UEZ Coordinator, Cassandra Chatman, was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

5 Request to approve Millville UEZ Admin Budget FY24 July 1, 2023 to Jun 30, 2024 in the amount of - \$200,000.

Motions:

Approve: Douglas Schneider

Second: Leslie Anderson

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (9/0/0/0).

Millville's UEZ Coordinator, Heather Santoro, was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

6 Request to approve Passaic UEZ Marking Project in the amount of - \$150,000.

Motions:

Approve: Tai Cooper

Second: William Gruccio

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (9/0/0/0).

Passaic's UEZ Representative, Ricardo Fernandez, was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

7 Request to approve Paterson UEZ Clean Commercial Corridors Project in the amount of - \$500,000.

Motions:

Approve: Carmen Mendiola

Second: Julie Diaz

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (9/0/0/0).

Paterson's UEZ Coordinator, Penni Forestieri, was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board for both projects.

8 Request to approve Paterson UEZ Marketing and Business Development Project in the amount of - \$300,000.

Motions:

Approve: Leslie Anderson
Second: Carmen Mendiola
Ayes: 9
Nays: 0
Recusals: 0
Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (9/0/0/0).

Paterson's UEZ Coordinator, Penni Forestieri, was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board for both projects.

9 Approval to authorize the preparation of a Request for Proposal (RFP) to develop the Camden UEZ 5-Year Plan in the amount of - \$110,000.

Motions:

Approve: Carmen Mendiola
Second: Tai Cooper
Ayes: 9
Nays: 0
Recusals: 0
Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (9/0/0/0).

Camden's UEZ Coordinator, Joe Thomas, was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Other

None

Open to the public

Comments were made by public, and questions were referred to UEZA staff to address the inquiries.

Adjournment: 2:37 p.m.

Motions:

Adjourn: Julie Diaz

Second: Leslie Anderson

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

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

Rasha Hassan

I, Rasha Hassan, have taken minutes at the August 09, 2023
Urban Enterprise Zone Authority Meeting