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## Transcript of Meeting March 14, 2024

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Transcript of proceedings of the City of Camden Planning Board was conducted as a virtual
meeting via a remote conferencing platform, ZOOM,
commencing at 6:05 p.m.
$B O A R D M E M E R S P R E N T$
STEVEN LEE, VICE-CHAIRMAN
COUNCILWOMAN JANNETTE RAMOS
DIRECTOR KEITH WALKER
IAN LEONARD
COUCILWOMAN JANNETTE RAMOS
ERIN CREAN
BRENDA FRACTION

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ANGELA MILLER, PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY JAMES BURNS, ESQUIRE, ATTORNEY FOR THE BOARD DEMBO, BROWN \& BURNS, LLP DENA MOORE JOHNSON, PE, CME, BOARD ENGINEER REMINGTON \& VERNICK ENGINEERS DR. EDWARD C. WILLIAMS, PP, ASIP, CSI, AHP, CZO, CPZBS; DIRECTOR OF PLANNING \& DEVELOPMENT; ZONING OFFICER; HPC SECRETARY

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8) ROBERTO VAZQUEZ 3116 Tuckahoe Road
9) HEART OF CAMDEN 1811 Broadway
10) EDWARD SAMUELS 646 Berkley Street
11) ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

CHAIRMAN LEE: Good evening. The meeting will not come to order. By the direction of the Planning Board Chairman Jose DeJesus, Jr. of the City of Camden, there will be a regularly scheduled meeting held on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Since the City of Camden remains under a declaration of a Health Emergency related to the COVID-19 virus, City Hall is open. Therefore, this regular scheduled meeting will be conducted as a virtual meeting via a remote conferencing platform, ZOOM. Instructions on accessing this virtual regularly scheduled Planning Board meeting and meeting agenda can be found on the City of Camden's website. Reading of the Opening Statement, Angela.

MS. MILLER: Good evening. Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act. The Camden City Planning Board adopted a Resolution approving the schedule of regular meetings to be held during the year of 2024 by, one, posting a copy thereof on the bulletin boards reserved for such purpose in the Office of City Clerk, City Hall, first floor, Camden, New Jersey; two, transmitting a copy thereof to the Courier Post and to the Philadelphia

Inquirer. These newspapers have been designated by this Board to receive same, and filing a copy thereof with the City Clerk, City of Camden, New Jersey. The subject meeting was publicized on March 11, 2024. VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Roll call.

MS. MILLER: Jose DeJesus. Steven Lee. VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Present. MS. MILLER: Mayor Carstarphen. Director Walker.

DIRECTOR WALKER: Present.
MS. MILLER: Ian Leonard.
MR. LEONARD: Here.
MS. MILLER: Councilwoman Ramos.
COUNCILWOMAN RAMOS: Present.
MS. MILLER: Erin Crean.
MS. CREAN: Present.
MS. MILLER: Mr. Thomas. Mr. Humphrey. Ms. Fraction.

MS. FRACTION: Present.
MS. MILLER: Thank you.
VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: At this time we are have a vote for the approval of the Planning Board Public Meeting Minutes held on February 8, 2024.

MS. MILLER: I need a motion.
MR. LEONARD: So moved.

MS. CREAN: Second.
MR. BURNS: Motion by Ian and seconded by
Ms. Crean.
VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Roll call, please. MS. MILLER: Mr. Lee.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Director Walker.
DIRECTOR WALKER: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Mr. Leonard.
MR. LEONARD: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Councilwoman Ramos.
COUNCILWOMAN RAMOS: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Ms. Crean.
MS. CREAN: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Ms. Fraction.
MS. FRACTION: Yes.
Thank you.
VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: At this time, we have the swearing in of all professionals and planning staff.

MR. BURNS: Thank you Mr. Vice-Chair. For our professionals and staff, raise your right hand.

DR. EDWARD C. WILLIAMS, PP, ASIP, CSI,

AHP, CZO; DENA MOORE JOHNSON, PE, CME, having first been duly sworn/affirmed, was examined and testified as follows:

VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Okay. Planning Board Director's Report, please, if there's one.

DR. WILLIAMS: Just one item,
Mr. Vice-Chair and Members of the Board, just a reminder to all who are currently on the TEAMS platform, that heretofore we're going to be moving forward with TEAMS. So if you have any questions or problems getting on TEAMS, just let us know and we'll do all that we can to assist you. Mr. Vice-Chair, that ends my report for this evening.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Moving forward with New Business. We have Certificates of Appropriateness. Do you guys want to handle this simultaneously at the same time --

DR. WILLIAMS: Yes.
VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: -- or break it up?
DR. WILLIAMS: Can do it in one block, Mr. Vice-Chair.

MR. BURNS: You want me to just read them out loud, Vice-Chair real quick?

VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Go ahead.

MR. BURNS: Under New Business we have Certificate of Appropriateness for Eva David, 1339 Argus Road. Another one for Ettye Gainey, 1319 Argus Road. Cynthia Stong, 1328 Argus Road. Sol M. Claudio, 3021 N. Constitution Road. Arrrwannah B. Pollitt, 3011 Essex Road. Roberto Vazquez, 3116 Tuckahoe Road. Heart of Camden, 1811 Broadway. And Edward Samuels, 646 Berkley Street. All of them appeared before the committee.

Doctor Williams, is there any issues or any concerns that you have with any of the Certificates of Appropriateness tonight?

DR. WILLIAMS: To the Board, Vice-Chair and Members of the Board, no questions or concerns. There are several applicants that are going through our grant program through housing services which is why Ms. Watkins is online. I don't see anyone in the public on the call tonight. So I think it's safe enough to move forward with the $C$ of A's.

MR. BURNS: So we just need a motion for approval of the all $C$ of A's.

COUNCILWOMAN RAMOS: So moved.
MS. CREAN: Second.
MR. BURNS: Roll call.
MS. MILLER: Mr. Lee.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Director Walker.
DIRECTOR WALKER: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Mr. Leonard.
MR. LEONARD: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Councilwoman Ramos.
COUNCILWOMAN RAMOS: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Ms. Crean.
MS. CREAN: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Ms. Fraction.
MS. FRACTION: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Motion carried to approve. Thank you.

MR. BURNS: Mr. Vice-Chair, we do have some Resolutions to address tonight. We have the Certificates of Appropriateness that were approved in February. We have Rutgers; Angel Pagan;

Rose E. Rivera Gallardo; Valerie Roundtree and Made to Move, LLC. Those were all for approvals.

And we have a denial for Pablo Reyes. You may recall Mrs. Reyes came before us. She explained her situation with not getting the zoning permits and the issue she had with her contractor which we were very sympathetic too. So that is being denied without prejudice in allowing her to obviously
refile when she has everything she needs to proceed. We also have the Resolution regarding the amendments to Section 870-230R and 87-268C. And the Resolution of Approval for Preliminary and Final Site Plan for $S C$ Garden State Growth Zone Urban Renewal Development Entity, Inc., One Subaru Drive.

So those are the Resolutions to be approved tonight with the one Resolution for the denial for Reyes.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Do you want to separate the denial when we do the vote or you just want to wait for the approvals?

MR. BURNS: Let's to all the approvals first for Rutgers, Pagan, Rivera, Roundtree, Made to Move, LLC. So we just need a motion on those.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Motion please.
MS. CREAN: So moved.
DIRECTOR WALKER: Second.
CHAIRMAN DeJESUS: Roll call.
MS. MILLER: Mr. Lee.
VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Director Walker.
DIRECTOR WALKER: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Mr. Leonard.
MR. LEONARD: Yes.

MS. MILLER: Councilwoman Ramos. COUNCILWOMAN RAMOS: Yes. MS. MILLER: Ms. Crean. MS. CREAN: Yes. MS. MILLER: Ms. Fraction. MS. FRACTION: Yes. MS. MILLER: Motion carried to approve. Thank you.

MR. BURNS: Then I need a motion to
memorialize the denial of the Certification of
Appropriateness for Pablo Reyes.
COUNCILWOMAN RAMOS: Motion by Ms. Ramos.
MS. CREAN: Second.
VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Roll call.
MS. MILLER: Mr. Lee.
VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Director Walker.
DIRECTOR WALKER: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Mr. Leonard.
MR. LEONARD: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Councilwoman Ramos.
COUNCILWOMAN RAMOS: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Ms. Crean.
MS. CREAN: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Ms. Fraction.

MS. FRACTION: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Motion carried to deny
without prejudice.
MR. BURNS: And Mr. Vice-Chair, we can do
the Resolutions to approve the Preliminary and Final Site Plan for SC Garden State Growth Zone Urban Renewal, and for the amendments to the Zoning Ordinances in one motion.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: So moved.
MS. FRACTION: Second.
MR. BURNS: Thank you, Brenda.
CHAIRMAN DeJESUS: Roll call.
MS. MILLER: Mr. Lee.
VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Director Walker.
DIRECTOR WALKER: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Mr. Leonard.
MR. LEONARD: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Councilwoman Ramos.
COUNCILWOMAN RAMOS: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Ms. Crean.
MS. CREAN: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Ms. Fraction.
MS. FRACTION: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Motion carried to approve.

Thank you.
VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: I guess that's it, right?

MR. BURNS: Yes, sir.
MS. MILLER: We need a motion to
adjourn.
MR. LEONARD: So moved.
VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Second.
CHAIRMAN DeJESUS: Roll call.
MS. MILLER: Mr. Lee.
VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Director Walker.
DIRECTOR WALKER: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Mr. Leonard.
MR. LEONARD: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Councilwoman Ramos.
COUNCILWOMAN RAMOS: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Ms. Crean.
MS. CREAN: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Ms. Fraction.
MS. FRACTION: Yes.
MS. MILLER: Motion carried to adjourn.
Thank you all and have a good night.

(*Meeting concluded at 6:21 p.m.*)

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am a Certified Court Reporter and Notary Public.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the witness was sworn to testify to the truth.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the foregoing is, to the best of my ability, a true and accurate transcript of the testimony taken stenographically by me at the time, place, and date hereinbefore set forth.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that $I$ am neither a relative, employee, attorney or counsel to any of the parties to the action, nor a relative or employee of such attorney or counsel and that $I$ am not financially interested in the action.


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