

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
PROVIDENCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
Thursday, February 9, 2012  
444 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903**

The Providence Redevelopment Agency (PRA) met in regular session at the Office of the Agency at 444 Westminster Street, Providence, Rhode Island on Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 4:09 p.m.

The meeting was called to order. Roll call was conducted. Present: Chairman James DeRentis, Vice Chairman Cliff Wood, Julius Kolawole, and Councilman Nicholas Narducci.

Absent at time of roll call: Robert Montecalvo, Yahaira Placencia, and Seth Yurdin.

Others in attendance: Thomas E. Deller, Executive Director; April Wolf, Director of Real Estate; Darcy Charleson, Recording Secretary, and Attorney William Smitherman.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Wood made a motion to approve the November 10, 2011 minutes which was seconded by Councilman Narducci. The motion passed unanimously and minutes were approved as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF 2012 ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE:** Councilman Narducci made a motion to approve the 2012 PRA meeting schedule as presented which was seconded by Mr. Wood. The motion passed unanimously and the schedule was approved.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

**Chair:** Mr. Deller asked if there are any nominations for Chair of the Agency. A motion was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Kolawole that James DeRentis be nominated as Chairman of the Agency. Mr. Deller asked if there were any other nominations. There being no further nominations, Mr. DeRentis was elected unanimously.

**Vice Chair:** Chairman DeRentis asked if there are any nominations for the Vice Chair of the Agency. A motion was made by Councilman Narducci and seconded by Mr. Kolawole that Cliff Wood be nominated as Vice Chair of the Agency. There being no further nominations, Mr. Wood was elected unanimously as Vice Chair.

**Secretary:** Chairman DeRentis asked if there are any nominations for the Secretary of the Agency. A motion was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Councilman Narducci that Ms. April Wolf be nominated as Secretary of the Agency. There being no further nominations, Ms. Wolf was appointed unanimously.

## **REPORT – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**American Tourister** – Mr. Deller reported that discussions have been taking place regarding the development possibilities for the site. One possible scenario include working with the Gilbane Company and combining the 2 parcels for potential development (total 36 acres). Another discussion has begun with an interested buyer of both properties, as well as surrounding properties. The interested party is an energy company looking to build a solar panel field. The energy company is currently working on a proposal to present to the city.

**Nuisance Task Force** – Mr. Deller reported that the law department is leading a task force attempting to resolve nuisance properties. Current discussions of the task force include identifying 2-4 neighborhoods, identifying problem properties for potential acquisition and developing a strategy along the lines of the Vacant and Abandoned Properties Plan.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION 42-46-5(A)** Mr. Wood made a motion to go into Executive Session which was seconded by Mr. Kolawole. The Chairman asked for a Roll Call vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

**REGULAR MEETING** – Reconvened at 5:10 p.m.

Mr. Wood made a motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session which was seconded by Councilman Narducci. The motion passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Legal Settlement:** Resolution approving the settlement agreement relative to C.A. No. PB 05-3316 as discussed in Executive Session and authorizing the Executive Director to execute said settlement agreement in accordance with the terms discussed. After discussion it was moved by Mr. Kolawole and seconded by Mr. Wood that the agency approve the resolution as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously and Resolution 2012-01 was adopted.

**Agency Office Designation:** Resolution designating 444 Westminster Street, Providence, RI as the official office of the Providence Redevelopment Agency. Mr. Kolawole moved and Mr. Wood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and Resolution 2012-02 was adopted.

Mr. Kolawole moved to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Narducci. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.