

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
PROVIDENCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
Thursday, March 10, 2011  
400 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903**

The Providence Redevelopment Agency (PRA) met in regular session at the Office of the Agency at 400 Westminster Street, Providence, Rhode Island on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 4:05 p.m.

The meeting was called to order. Present were: Chairman James DeRentis, Robert Montecalvo, Yahaira Placencia and Councilman Seth Yurdin.

Absent at time of roll call: Julius Kolawole, Cliff Wood and Councilman Nicholas Narducci.

Others in attendance: Thomas E. Deller, Executive Director; April Wolf, Director of Real Estate; Michael Lepore Assistant Director of Real Estate, and William Smitherman.

**Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Placencia made a motion to approve the February 10, 2011 minutes which was seconded by Mr. Montecalvo. The motion passed unanimously and minutes were approved as submitted.

Mr. Kolawole entered the meeting at 4:07

Mr. Deller asked that the Agency discuss items 9 and 10

Mr. Deller explained that the Resolution from the City Council authorizing the transfer of 1043 Broad St. from the City to the PRA was flawed and has to be reintroduced.

Mr. Deller stated that the Agency has received a request for 1043 Broad St. from Quisqueya In Action and that their Executive Director, Marylyn Cepeda Sanchez, is in attendance to submit their proposal and give a brief explanation.

Ms. Sanchez proceeded to explain her proposal to the Agency.

Mr. Deller asked authorization to submit a new resolution and finalize the designation of developer, explaining that the Agency will not act on designating a developer until the City Council passes the new resolution.

Mr. Deller requested that items 9 and 10 be tabled until the Council passes the new Resolution.

Mr. Wood entered the meeting at 4:10.

After discussion it was duly moved by Councilman Yurdin and seconded by Mr. Montecalvo to continue items 9 and 10 for potential action at a later date.

Councilwoman Matos enters the meeting at 4:25

Mr. Deller asked that item 8 be addressed gave a brief explanation of the Resolution.

April Wolf stated that Mr. Bombard, City Engineer, has no problems with the proposed signalization. Councilman Yurdin added that he has had no issues with a similar signal at Gano St.

Councilwoman Matos addressed the Agency giving her full support to the project and asked that the Board pass the Resolution.

Mr. Montecalvo recused himself from the vote. Mr. Montecalvo explained that he wants it made very clear that he had the City's best interest when he questioned the proposed project at the last meeting.

After discussion it was duly moved by Councilman Yurdin and seconded by Mrs. Placencia. The motion passed unanimously and Resolution 2011- 5 was adopted.

### **Report of the Executive Director**

Mr. Deller and Ms. Wolf explained the Redevelopment powers and laws to the Board. Members must declare, by state law, any property they own in a Redevelopment Area

Mr. Deller proceeded to explain the PROV PORT Budget and its many issues.

Councilman Yurdin leaves the meeting at 4:50

Mr. Deller explained the Promenade Redevelopment Plan and the status of the Fyre Metal acquisition

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Yahaira Placencia made the motion to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Julius Kolawole. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.