

I-195 REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION

MEETING OF LEGAL ISSUES SUBCOMMITTEE

PUBLIC SESSION

SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

The Legal Issues Subcommittee (the "Subcommittee") of the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission (the "Commission") met on Wednesday, September 24, 2014 beginning at 2:00 PM, at the offices of the Commerce RI, located at 315 Iron Horse Way, Suite 101, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to a notice of the meeting to the members of the Subcommittee and public notice of the meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto, as required by applicable Rhode Island law.

The following Subcommittee members were present and participated throughout the meeting: Mr. John Kelly, Mr. Mark Ryan and Mr. Michael Van Leesten.

Mr. Colin Kane was absent.

Also present were Ms. Jan Brodie, District Executive Director, and Project Associate, Kate Holguin, and Mr. Charles F. Rogers of Edwards Wildman Palmer LLP, legal counsel to the District.

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM.

1. Rules and Regulations for Permitting Approval.

There was discussion surrounding rules and regulations for permitting approval of proposed developments on District land. Mr. Shawn Martin of Fuss & O'Neill, Mr. William Conley and Mr. Dylan Conley from The Law Office of William Conley, all participated in the discussion. Prior to the meeting, Mr. Martin circulated to the Subcommittee a memo regarding recommendations for a District development application review and permitting process and timeline. The goal is to create a streamlined, transparent review process that is specific to the Commission, while still observing the City of Providence's Zoning Ordinance in effect as of June 2012. The Subcommittee discussed the need for the review process to better match what is laid out in the District statute. It was suggested that Mr. Martin redraft a proposed process and timeline, taking comments from the Subcommittee into account. The Subcommittee will meet again to discuss and finalize.

2. Review of Proposals to Purchase and Develop District Property.

Mr. Ryan noted that, pursuant to the notice of the meeting, the Subcommittee would go into Executive Session in order to review proposals to purchase and develop District property.

Accordingly, upon motion duly made and seconded, the following vote was adopted:

VOTED: To go into Closed Session, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Rhode Island General Laws Section 42-46-5(a) (the Open Meetings Law) in order to review proposals to purchase and develop District property.

Voting in favor of the foregoing were: Mr. Kelly, Mr. Ryan and Mr. Van Leesten.

Voting against the foregoing were: None.

Members of the public were then asked to leave the boardroom for the Closed Session, and members of the Subcommittee and staff entered into closed session at 3:00 PM.

The Public Session was reconvened at 4:00 PM.

Mr. Ryan reported that the discussion during the Closed Session was confined to discussion of proposals to purchase and develop District property and that no votes were taken. The Subcommittee voted to end the Closed Session, maintain the Closed Session records and reconvene the Public Session.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following vote was adopted:

VOTED: That pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws Section 42-46-4, Section 42-46-5 and Section 42-46-7, the Open Meetings Act, the minutes of the Closed Session shall not be made available to the public, except as to the portions of such minutes as the Subcommittee ratifies and reports in Public Session of this meeting.

Voting in favor of the foregoing were: Mr. Kelly, Mr. Ryan and Mr. Van Leesten.

Voting against the foregoing were: None.

There being no further business, upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.



Mark T. Ryan
Chairperson

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission Legal Issues Subcommittee will be held at **Rhode Island Commerce Corporation, 315 Iron Horse Way, Providence, Rhode Island**, on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2014**, beginning at 2:00 P.M., for the following purposes:

I. PUBLIC SESSION

Call to Order

1. Approval of the Public Session Minutes of the Legal Issues Subcommittee Meeting held on August 20, 2014.
2. Rules and Regulations for Permitting Approval – update and review.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

To consider and act upon such matters as may be considered at a meeting closed to the public pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws, Section 42-46-5(a) (the Open Meetings Law), specifically matters permitted to be so considered under subsection (5) (acquisition and disposition of public property).

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session of the Legal Issues Subcommittee Meeting held on August 20, 2014.
4. Review of Proposals to Purchase and Develop District Property.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

5. Vote to Adjourn.

The location is accessible to the handicapped. Those requesting interpreter services must notify the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission at (401) 383-5900 forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting. Also, for the hearing impaired, assisted listening devices are available onsite, without notice, at this location.