

**MINUTES FROM A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE READING  
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF READING  
HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018**

The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Reading held a meeting at 815 Washington Street, Room 2-53 in the City of Reading, County of Berks, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m. by Mr. Heinly, Chairman and on roll call, the following were present:

Mr. Chris Heinly,	Chairman
Mr. Melvyn Jacobson,	Member
Mr. Juan Zabala,	Member

Absent:

Mr. Dan Luckey,	Vice-Chairman
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Also present were:

Mr. Adam Mukerji, Executive Director  
Mr. Dennis Witwer, Executive Assistant  
Mr. Keith Money, Barley, Snyder

Upon roll call, Mr. Witwer declared a quorum.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Christopher Flowers, a distillery owner, asked to address the board. Mr. Zabala introduced Mr. Flowers.

Mr. Flowers told the board of his business he runs out of the old “Renbow” building. His business has been in operations since June 2017. He advised the board that he is currently looking for a new, larger location for manufacturing, retail and sample taste testing; approximately 6-10,000 sq. ft.

He asked the board for any recommendations. He stated that he would like the space to be close to Penn Street with proper zoning. He told the board of his experience he had with the zoning office a year ago, when

he first started his business. He does not want to run into the same problems as before.

Mr. Mukerji stated that he would be willing to help with finding a location, but the RRA does not currently have any properties that would fit his needs in their portfolio of properties, but would be willing to scout for locations.

**Tax Exemption update:**

Mr. Mukerji gave a brief update on a tax hearing meeting he and Mr. Mooney attend a few weeks back. He stated that after much discussion, he was able to have the County deem all RRA properties tax exempt, going back to 2015, that hadn't already been exempt.

**615-R Kenhorst Blvd.**

Mr. Mukerji had updated the board on the sales negotiation of 615-R Kenhorst Blvd., noting that he had executed an Agreement of Sale with VNR Properties, LLC., based out of Trexlertown, for the amount of \$400,000., as stipulated at the November 2017 board meeting.

He stated that a Phase I Environmental study was conducted by Liberty Environmental on "Building C". A Phase II will also be conducted for soil samples and air vapor samples. This will take about 2-3 weeks.

Mr. Zabala asked if there was any remediation needed, who would pay. Mr. Mooney stated that RRA would pay the fees and would then be reimbursed by the Navy.

**900 Block Penn Street closing update:**

Mr. Mukerji advised that the properties in the 900 block of Penn Street have all been sold and transferred to the ownership of the City of Reading. Although the sale had gone through, the RRA had not yet been paid by the City, the \$65,000.00. He stated that he would be meeting with the Managing Director to ask for the payment.

**Executive Session:**

At this time the board entered into an executive session to discuss potential sale of the Riverview Industrial Park. No motions were made.

**There being no further business to be brought before the board, Mr. Zabala made a motion to adjourn the meeting; all members were in favor.**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

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**Executive Assistant**

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