

**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
READING REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF
READING HELD ON 21st JUNE 2017**

The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Reading held the regular Monthly Meeting at 815 Washington Street, Room 2-53 in the City of Reading, County of Berks, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on 21st day of June, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Mr. Luckey, Vice-Chairman and on roll call, the following were present:

Mr. Dan Luckey	Vice-Chairman
Mr. James Radwanski	Member
Mr. Juan Zabala	Member

Also present were:

Mr. Adam Mukerji, Executive Director
Mr. Dennis Witwer, Executive Assistant
Mr. Keith Money, Barley, Snyder
Mr. David Kostival, Reading Eagle
Mr. William Collins, Simone Collins
Mr. Andrew Fetterman, Liberty Environmental
Mr. Kent Robel, Re/Max

Absent:

Mr. Chris Heinly	Chairman
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Upon roll call, Mr. Witwer declared a quorum.

The Finance reports were approved unanimously.

Introduction

Mr. Mukerji introduced Mr. Juan Zabala to the board. Mr. Zabala was appointed by city council as the newest member of the RRA.

Reading Skate Park

Mr. Mukerji introduced Mr. William Collins, of Simone Collins Landscaping Architecture and gave him the floor.

Mr. Collins informed the board that he and his company had worked on and developed the Bethlehem Skate Plaza. He told them that the project took 7 years, in 3 phases. The nationwide, renowned skate park was built directly across the street from the Sands Casino, an excellent location.

Mr. Collins stated that the location chosen for the Reading skate park, located on Water St., across the road from Penske and next to the river hiking trail, is the perfect location.

Mr. Collins discussed several topics for the board to discuss and think about. He told them that input from the skate board community will be crucial to the design of the park. He stated that Reading has a champion in J.D. Turner, who has been spearheading this project from the get-go. He stated that Mr. Turner has been generating funds, letters of support and research of other skate parks nation-wide. (Mr. Turner is the owner of Holistic Skate Shop in West Reading).

Mr. Mukerji and Mr. Collins discussed the importance of selling the naming rights for the skate park. Mr. Mukerji stated that he would like to approach Penske to see if they would be interested in purchasing the rights to the name of the park.

Costs for the first two phases of the Reading skate park could be anywhere between \$300,000 - \$600,000. Grants can be applied for to help with costs.

130 N Front St. – Certificate of Completion

Mr. Mooney explained to the board that in 1972 the RRA had sold the piece of land at 130 N Front Street to Boyd Wagner. At that time a certificate of completion should have been executed, but was never done. Now, the parcel of land is being sold again and for the sale to go through, there must be clear title. Mr. Mooney asked the board to ratify the C.O.C. Mr. Radwanski made a motion to issue the C.O.C. with a second from Mr. Zabala. All were in favor.

Executive Session

At this time the board entered into an executive session to discuss legal matters regarding the possible sale of the Riverview Industrial Park and other land transactions.

Riverview Industrial Park

The board re-entered the regular session of the meeting to vote on the price reduction of the 50 acres of land. The board agreed and gave permission to Mr. Wroble to reduce the price of the land to \$65,000 per acre. Mr. Zabala made the motion to reduce the price and Mr. Radwanski second. All were in favor.

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

The next monthly meeting of the Reading Redevelopment Authority will be held on 19th July 2017.

Respectfully submitted by:

Executive Assistant