

**REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
Minutes of Meeting
March 20, 2023**

The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency of Franklin Township virtually and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The Sunshine Law was read and the roll was taken.

Present: Kimberly Francois; Carl Wright; Kiana Jones; Martin Piccoli;
Absent: Patrick J. Shimalla; Nina Jordan; Ike Agudosi
Also Present: Robert Beckelman, Attorney; Mark Healey, Executive Director

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes of 1/23/22 were approved, with a motion made by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Piccoli and unanimously approved by those eligible to vote by voice vote.

RPM UPDATE

Mr. Healey provided an general overview of the Redevelopment Area including: the history of the redevelopment area including the inter-municipal (Franklin and New Brunswick) planning effort for the area in the 1990s, the designation of the area as an "Area in Need of Redevelopment", the adoption of the original Redevelopment Plan, the comprehensive amendments to the Redevelopment plan in the 2006-2007 timeframe and the designation of the Redevelopers (Leewood and RPM) in that same timeframe. Lastly Mr. Healey provided a map which identified the redevelopment projects that have occurred since 2007.

Elizabeth Kulinich, Vice President of Development for RPM, provided the Agency with a presentation addressing the portion of the redevelopment area for which her company is the designated redeveloper (i.e., the "Churchill Millstone" sub area). She presented large-scale plans which showed the entirety of their redevelopment area in the form of a conceptual build-out plan and she described the phases previously constructed, the one phase under development, the next phase for which they have a site plan application before the Planning Board (i.e., the "forklift site") and indicated their next intended phase(s) concentrating on the blocks between Camner Avenue and Franklin Boulevard. The Agency discussed the presentation and had questions addressing a variety of topics including the physical build-out plan, open space, density and affordable housing, which questions were addressed by Ms. Kulinich, Mr. Healey and/or Mr. Beckelman.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-2023

The Agency discussed the resolution which addresses the Agency's desire to have the open area on the PNC bank site located at 675 Franklin Boulevard be acquired for public open space/ park purposes. After discussion the resolution was moved by Ms. Francois, seconded by Ms. Jones and carried unanimously carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC SESSION

A motion was made by Ms. Francois to open the public session, seconded by Mr. Wright and unanimously carried. As no members of the public were present, a motion was made by Mr. Wright and seconded by Ms. Jones to close the public session. Said motion was carried unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm