

Lakewood Development Corporation

Special Meeting Minutes

December 29, 2010

Call to Order – Abraham Muller, Chairman 9:40 am

Announcement of Meeting in Compliance with the Sunshine Law.

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, c. 231 by notice published in the Asbury Park Press and the Tri Town News, and by posting of same in the office of the Municipal Clerk, the office of the Lakewood Development Corporation, and upon the public bulletin board of the Lakewood Municipal Building.

Roll Call:

Present: Raymond Coles; Michael D'Elia; Chana Jacobowitz; Jacob Mermelstein; Michael McNeil; Abraham Muller and Michael Muscillo

Also Present: Patricia A. Komsa, Executive Director, Patti Adams, Esq.; LDC Staff: Yehuda Abraham, Anita Doyle, G. Walsh, and Joan Wilkes.

Absent: Ruth Ann Burns; Daniel Czermak; Ada Gonzalez; Dov Kaufman; Fay Rubin; Senator Robert Singer; Greg Stafford-Smith and Rabbi Weisberg

Flag Salute:

Motion M. McNeil/M. D'Elia

To Accept October 5th and November 23, 2010 Minutes

Ray Coles Abstained from November 23, 2010

All others in favor

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Directors Report:

The Executive Director wanting to catch Mr. Coles up –quickly reviewed the Resolutions on the Agenda, a resolutions of the Dates for the 2011 meetings, a resolution basically just changing the Job Link Bus Transportation Program from Job Link Bus to Transit Connect, a resolution memorializing the Executive Board's awardees for Co-Op Advertising ranging from \$13,000 to \$20,000 as a reimbursable grant to businesses and last but not least Web Design Award of Contract to Duvy's Media with a two-third one-third split. One-third being the UEZ portion at \$9,167.00.

The Executive Director moved on to the last item to be discussed which was that there has been discussion amongst the Township Committee to amend our By-Laws. We have been asked to make a motion to ask the Municipality to reduce our members from 15 to 7 in order to facilitate quorums. The 15 we are having a very difficult time in getting quorums as you can see, we have had to reschedule or start meeting extremely late, so in order to move this along more timely we have been asked to make a motion requesting the Township reduce our membership size and alter our By-Laws as well.

Ms. Jacobowitz asked if they were going to make people come off the board, is there a minimum. Response to Ms. Jacobowitz was that it would be 7. The Chairman stated that we could add people to it, add alternates, to which the Executive Director informed the Chairman that we would have to check with the attorney that she was not quite sure. Further discussion was held on what percentage was needed to make a quorum.

The Chairman asked if there was any downside to reducing the board, to which the Executive Director stated the only downside would be is if we have members that cannot consistently make the meetings. This is a discussion that the Executive Board has had and the Mayor, in fact, she did speak with the Mayor just prior to this meeting and this is what we have been asked to present to you today.

Question was raised as to why it had to be done right now. The members were informed it was because the Township's Reorganization is on the 7th. Question was raised as to who brought this to the Mayor's attention. The Chairman informed the members that Mayor Langert called him this morning and said he wanted this to be discussed. Ray Coles stated that the Mayor discussed this matter with him, but it has not been discussed among the entire Township Committee. Further discussion followed with the members being advised that what would happen is that all terms would be dissolved and new terms would be entered. Question was again raised why we need to do it now. If the board would be dissolved why can't it be done later. Further discussion was held.

Members felt that this Special Meeting was called at the last minute, on a snow day, most of the board is not present, without it being put on the agenda and it is not the way it should be done. The Executive Director informed them that this was requested by a phone call this morning minutes before the meeting to which all the members agreed that they witnessed that fact. At the present we have 10 members whose terms end December 31, 2010.

A request was made to provide a list of members to expire and attendance. More discussion was held with the Chairman stating this is pending legal review, a decision cannot be made. This matter has to be tabled.

The Executive Director informed the members that the next meeting is February 1st, the LDC Reorganization Meeting and this matter may be brought back. Further discussion was held and it was determined that a meeting may be scheduled in January after getting the legal opinion, etc and inform all the members that this will be discussed so that every member is equally informed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMENTS BY TRUSTEES: None

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

The Chairman just wanted to wish everyone a happy holiday season, a happy New Year and thanked them all for coming out this morning; he knows it was difficult for many of us.

The Chairman moved to the Consent Agenda

Motion R. Coles/M. McNeil

To Accept Consent Agenda – Resolution 10-12-1 & 10-12-2

All in favor

Motion Carried

Motion: J. Mermelstein/M. D'Elia

To Accept Resolution # 10-12-3 – Approving Grants for Co-Op Advertising

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Motion: M. D'Elia/M. McNeil

To Accept Resolution # 10-12-4 – Award to Duvy's Media for Township Web Design

Abstention by R. Coles and M. Muscillo

All others in favor

Motion Carried

Motion: J. Mermelstein/R. Coles

To Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned 10:02 am