

Red Bank Redevelopment Agency
Executive Session Minutes
January 28, 2020

PRESENT: Commissioners Beebe, Huber (by phone), Massey, Reynolds-Lewis and Council members Yngstrom and Zipprich.

ABSENT: Commissioner Wouters

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator Shehady, Borough Clerk Borghi, Attorney Denson and Consultant DeRoberts.

OTHER ATTENDEES: Mark Lescavage, Maser Consulting

Topics to be discussed:

- Property Acquisition

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Administrator Shehady noted Maser Consulting had been reviewing sites for three municipal properties, specifically a Community Center, a Municipal Building and a Department of Public Works facility.

Mark Lescavage of Maser Consulting reviewed the criteria that had been used in identifying the properties. He noted a needs assessment had been done by DMR Architects and reviewed the needs that had been determined including square footage. He reviewed each existing site and possible alternate locations.

DPW Facility – Mr. Lescavage noted that at least a portion of the existing site would have to be retained due to the fact that a water treatment plant and well were located there. He reviewed the needs for expanding the office space and options for the existing site as well as possible alternate sites.

Municipal Office Building – Mr. Lescavage reviewed the needs and issues with the existing building including the demand for increased square footage. He reviewed alternate sites where a municipal building might be located.

Community Center – It was noted that this facility was slated to include the Senior Center facility and the Recreation Department. He reviewed the needs for additional square footage and increased parking. He reviewed alternate locations.

Consultant DeRoberts said the next step would be to authorize concept designs and take the matter to the Mayor and Council.

Commissioner Huber asked for clarification that a recommendation of the Board was being sought.

Mr. DeRoberts and Administrator Shehady said they would like the Agency to make a recommendation for each site. It was noted that the Mayor and Council had the authority to make the ultimate decision.

A discussion followed on the preferred options. A straw poll confirmed the consensus was to recommend concept drawings for the following:

DPW – expanding the existing property by acquiring an adjacent lot.

Community Center – moving the facility to an existing Borough controlled property adjacent to the athletic field.

Municipal Building – the Commissioners felt the matter would require further discussion and had no recommendation at this time.