

Vineland Development Corporation

Thursday, March 17, 2016

The meeting of the Vineland Development Corporation was called to order at approximately 3:00 p.m. in the Fourth Floor Conference Room, City Hall, Vineland, New Jersey. The meeting was held pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act with a notice being published in the Daily Journal and the official bulletin board at City Hall.

Present: Mayor Ruben Bermudez
Mario Ruiz Mesa
Cosmo Giovinazzi
Donata Dalesandro
Praful Thakkar
John Procopio
Dr. Vandy Colter
Modesto Cruz

Also Present: Sandra Forosisky
Carmen Valentin
Russell Swanson

Absent: John Procopio

- 1) **Roll Call:** A roll call and quorum was established.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Donata Dalesandro, seconded by Modesto Cruz to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2016 meetings. All members approved. Mayor Bermudez abstained.
- 3) **Ratification of Bills:** A motion was made by Vandy Colter, seconded by Modesto Cruz to ratify the bills paid. All members approved.
- 4) **New Business:**

- a. **Landis Theater – Bay Atlantic Symphony**

Russell Swanson was present at the meeting to discuss a proposal in connection with the Bay Atlantic Symphony (BAS). The proposal is a three party agreement between the VDID, VDC and the Landis Theater Foundation. Russell stated that the BAS is interested in making the Landis Theater their home. They are currently housed at Cumberland County College. He advised that they are interested in becoming a part of the Vineland community and getting involved in the school system by providing musicians to teach in the schools at no cost. These services would not be exclusive to public schools only. The students would also receive the opportunity to perform with the orchestra.

The project will need a loan in the amount \$35,000.00 to the Landis Theater Foundation from the VDC for capital expenditures such as sound shells, chairs, stand and microphones. The loan will be paid back over three years.

A motion was made by Cosmo Giovinazzi, seconded by Vandy Colter to approve the loan in the amount of \$35,000.00 to the Landis Theater Foundation for capital expenditures in connection with the Bay Atlantic Symphony Orchestra. All members approved.

b. Stipends

Sandra Forosisky advised the VDC that Laura Gilroy of the city's finance department contacted her in regards to a shortfall in connection with the stipends that the Dept. of Economic Development staff receives from the VDC. The shortfall is tied to a 53rd week of payroll in the year. The amount is for \$317.31. Sandra requested approval to amend the budget to add the \$317.31 to cover the 53rd week in the year.

A motion was made by Cosmo Giovinazzi, seconded by Donata Dalesandro to approve the amendment to the budget to add \$317.31 to cover the 53rd week of payroll to pay for the stipends for the Dept. of Economic Development staff. All members approved.

5) Old Business:

a. Landis Marketplace

Sandra Forosisky provided a status on the Landis Marketplace. Russell Swanson stated that he is focusing on office, government, medical uses.

6) Adjournment:

A motion was made by Cosmo Giovinazzi, seconded by Vandy Colter to adjourn the meeting. All members approved.