# In The Matter Of: CITY OF CAMDEN PLANNING BOARD

Transcript of Meeting September 23, 2024

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2	CITY OF CAMDEN
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4	Monday, September 23, 2024
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6	Transcript of proceedings of the SPECIAL
7	MEETING of the City of Camden Planning Board was
8	conducted as a virtual meeting via a remote
9	conferencing platform, TEAMS, commencing at 6:02 p.m.
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11	BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
12	JOSE DeJESUS, CHAIRMAN
13	STEVEN LEE, VICE-CHAIRMAN DIRECTOR KEITH WALKER
	IAN LEONARD
14	COUNCILWOMAN JANNETTE RAMOS ERIN CREAN
15	BRENDA FRACTION
16	A-P-P-E-A-R-A-N-C-E-S
17	ANGELA MILLER, PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY
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19	JAMES BURNS, ESQUIRE, ATTORNEY FOR THE BOARD DEMBO, BROWN & BURNS, LLP
20	DR. EDWARD C. WILLIAMS, PP, ASIP, CSI, AHP, CZO,
21	CPZBS; DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT; ZONING OFFICER; HPC SECRETARY
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20		Attorney for the Applicant	
21		BLAKE FITZGERALD, P.E.	
22		PENNONI ASSOCIATES, INC. Engineer for the Applicant	
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CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: Good evening. By the 1 2 direction of the Planning Board Chairman Jose DeJesus, Jr., the City of Camden, there will be a 3 SPECIAL PLANNING BOARD MEETING held on Thursday, 4 September 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Since the City of 5 Camden remains under a Declaration of a Health 6 Emergency related to the COVID-19 virus, City Hall is 7 8 Therefore, this SPECIAL MEETING will be conducted as a virtual meeting via remote 9 conferencing platform, TEAMS. 10 Instructions on accessing this SPECIAL MEETING can be found on the 11 City of Camden's website. Opening statement, Angela. 12 13 MS. MILLER: Adequate notice of this 14 meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open 15 Public Meeting Act. The Camden City Planning Board 16 adopted a Resolution approving the schedule of regular meetings to be held during the year of 2024 17 by, one, posting a copy thereof on the bulletin 18 boards reserved for such purpose in the Office of 19 City Clerk, City Hall, first floor, Camden, New 20 21 Jersey; two, transmitting a copy thereof to the 22 Courier Post and to the Philadelphia Inquirer. newspapers have been designated by this Board to 23 receive same, and filing a copy thereof with the City 24 25 Clerk, City of Camden, New Jersey. The subject

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    meeting was publicized on Friday, September 13,
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    2024.
                CHAIRMAN DeJESUS:
                                   Roll call.
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                MR. BURNS: Mr. Chairman, I want to add
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    that this is a Special Meeting as stated. Angela
    read the fact that all notices are published at the
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    beginning of each year. But this is a Special
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    Meeting and proper notice was provided.
    reviewed the notice and we have jurisdiction.
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                MS. MILLER:
                             Thank you. Roll call.
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    Jose DeJesus.
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                CHAIRMAN DeJESUS:
                                    Present.
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                MS. MILLER: Mr. Lee.
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                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Here.
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                MS. MILLER: Mayor Carstarphen.
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    Walker.
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                DIRECTOR WALKER: Present.
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                MS. MILLER: Ian Leonard.
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                MR. LEONARD: Here.
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                MS. MILLER: Councilwoman Jannette Ramos.
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                COUNCILWOMAN RAMOS: Present.
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                MS. MILLER: Erin Crean.
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                MS. CREAN: Present.
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                MS. MILLER: Omari Thomas. Raschid
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    Humphrey. Brenda Fraction.
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                MS. FRACTION: Present.
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                MS. MILLER: We have a quorum.
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                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS:
                                   Approval of Planning
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    Board Public Hearing Minutes. I believe it would be
    this current month that just went by?
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                DR. WILLIAMS: Mr. Chair, we can skip
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    just No. 3.
                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: Understood.
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                                                 Swearing
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    in of all professionals and Planning Board staff.
                MR. BURNS: For our professionals, please
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    raise your right hands.
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                DR. EDWARD C. WILLIAMS, PP, ASIP, CSI,
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    AHP, CZO, having first been duly sworn/affirmed, was
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    examined and testified as follows:
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                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: Planning Board
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    Director's Report.
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                DR. WILLIAMS: There's no report due to
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    the Special Meeting, Mr. Chair.
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                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: Okay. Going to the
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    New Business: Preliminary Investigation Report for
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    an Amendment to the Gateway Redevelopment Area to
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    include Block 405, Lots 1, 7, 8, and 11.
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    impression is that A and B are all together?
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MR. BURNS: Correct. And also the
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    Amendment for Block 405, Lots 1, 7, 8, and 11.
                                   Okay. And who is
                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS:
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    representing that application?
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                MR. KEMM:
                            I am, Mr. Chairman, Karl Kemm.
                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: Okay. Do you want to
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    state your facts as they would say?
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                MR. KEMM:
                            Certainly, Mr. Chairman.
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                And, also, thank you to the Board and the
    Thank you.
    Board professionals for accommodating the Special
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    Meeting.
              We appreciate it.
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                I represent Kipp Cooper Norcross High
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    School.
             They are under contract to purchase these
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    properties from the City for $800,000.00. And one of
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    the things we need to do prior to closing is get site
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    plan approval and this is the first step in the
    process, is making sure the zoning complies for what
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    they plan to use it for which is an athletic field.
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    And I'll get into more detail with that.
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                I was asked as you -- again, this is a
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    great courtesy of having the Special Meeting to give
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    an overview of the presentation. And then we have
    all of our design and project professionals here to
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    answer any specific questions the Board may have.
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    I'll deal with the Area in Need of Redevelopment
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Study first because the Board technically needs to act on that before we get to the amendment to the Redevelopment Plan.

As indicated, the properties are Block 405, Lots 1, 7, 8 and 11 generally located at 726 Kaighns Avenue by the highway. And if I'm able to share — there we are. Great. So I'm putting up on the screen and I hope everyone can see it. This is the Map 3 of the Study Area that we submitted in the study. The Study is entitled, Block 405, Lots 1, 7, 8, and 11, Redevelopment Area Study, Preliminary Investigation Report and it's dated August 13, 2024. This, again, shows in red the properties that are subject of the Area in Need of Redevelopment Study. Kaighns Avenue is to the top; 767 is along the side; and 7th Avenue is along the left side of the property.

Looking back into the history of this matter, it seems that it was intended that these properties were to be in the Redevelopment Area. Lot 1 which is the larger lot, appears to be in the Redevelopment Area already. It's not 100 percent clear so we figured it would be safe as to present all of the properties to you and have the Board make a finding as an Area in Need of Redevelopment, all of

1 them. 2 I'm briefly going to go and show some 3 images of what the property looks like. I'm sure you're all familiar with it but it does often 4 5 illustrate the point to see. Because as they always tell us, a picture is worth a thousand words. 6 CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: You want to mark that 7 as Exhibit A? 8 Certainly. I will mark that 9 MR. KEMM: what I just showed as A-1 and then I will submit 10 11 marked copies to the Board after the hearing. 12 I'm showing now which is going to be a number images. 13 These are also in the Redevelopment 14 Area Study. The Investigation Report is images one 15 through seven. And I'm just going to scroll through 16 these slowly just so everyone can see the property. Again, I'm sure you're familiar with it. And these 17 images are contained in the Redevelopment Report. 18 19 The site is undeveloped. It's vacant. It had a history of different buildings and uses on it. We'll 20 mark that as A-2. 2.1 22 And I'm going to go back to the map that we marked as A-1. As set forth in the Redevelopment 23 24 Study, you need to show that the properties meet the

requirements of the local Redevelopment Housing.

More specifically that is contained in Section 5. 1 2 These properties meet the three different criteria. 3 They all meet the same criteria and so I'm not going to go through each property. Again, this is all 4 5 detailed in the Investigation Report that was submitted. 6 It's meets Criterion C; that it's 8 unimproved vacant property. It has been that way for about ten years which is due to the environmental 9 10 contamination in large part. It's also not likely to 11 be redeveloped without it being declared an Area of 12 Redevelopment. So those facts and history meet Criterion C. 13 14 Criterion D is also met; that there is -15 again it sounds more difficult than it is -16 deleterious land uses and it's detrimental to the safety, health, welfare and morals of the 17 18 community. Again, due to the vacant property, the prior environmental contamination on the property. 19 It meets Criterion D. And that it also meets 20 2.1 Criterion G which is that, it has been declared as 22 an Urban Enterprise Zone pursuant to the New Jersey 23 Urban Enterprise Zone Act and, therefore, for those three reasons, all these properties meet the 24

Statutory Criteria for an Area in Need of

Redevelopment.

As I mentioned, there is environmental contamination on the property. And we do have professionals on the Board if the public has questions. For the Board's edification, we will be taking over -- Kipp will take over the remediation of this property. There has been prior remediation work and we'll pick up where they left off.

Largely, the entire -- not largely -- the entire property will be remediated to residential standards because it will be used for school use.

DEP has involvement and oversight on the site. And most of the site will be taken care of either through removal of soils, putting a cap on the site which is largely the athletic field and the impervious coverage. A deed notice that will go on as required by DEP regulations. And there is some groundwater contamination of the ongoing sampling of that which gets reported to the DEP.

And that is in general, an overview of what we're asking the Board to do is, adopt the Redevelopment Preliminary Investigation Report submitted and recommend to the City Council that they designate the area as a Non-condemnation Area in Need of Redevelopment; to add this area to the existing

Gateway Redevelopment Area, and also to amend the 1 2 City's Zoning Map to reflect that this Property is now in the Gateway Redevelopment Area. 3 And, again, that's an overview of the 5 documents that were submitted and the report. Again, if the Board has some detailed questions, the 6 professionals involved are available to answer any 7 8 questions the Board may have. 9 CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: Before I ask questions 10 I'll ask, anyone on the Board have any questions 11 related to this project? Nobody? Okay. 12 I do have a question. And the question 13 is, adjacent to that property is an empty lot I 14 noticed which is green. Are you acquiring that as 15 well or is that not being touched? I can't hear you; 16 you're muted. I apologize. I muted myself 17 MR. KEMM: 18 so I wouldn't create any background noise. Yes, Mr. Chairman, I'll put that image back up for 19 20 everyone. 2.1 MR. KEMM: That's the image. Sorry for 22 the delay there. So the green area in the upper 23 right corner and there is some trees here along that kind of go along the ramp to 676. Those are not part 24

of the properties that we are purchasing from the

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City or that will be part of the area that we are
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    developing. Others may purchase those areas and
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    redevelop them, but those are not part of our
    proposal or contract with the City.
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                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: I know that in the
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    past they used to have a lot of homeless people near
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    those tree areas.
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                MS. FRACTION:
                               Right.
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                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: They have moved most
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    of them out. Are you addressing that matter?
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                MR. KEMM:
                           It's hard to say. As I'll
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    show you when we get to the Redevelopment Plan, the
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    field is going to be developed. It'll have fencing
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    around it. We have not been asked to address that by
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    the City. There may have been people on this
    property. Again, the development will prevent
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    people from using this property. What's off-site,
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    I'm not sure of.
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                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS:
                                   Because I know that
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    that corner of Atlantic & 7th Street is a corner
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    where a lot of the homeless individuals who like to
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    collect money if they could in that corner, and once
    in a while they'll go over to Kaighns Avenue.
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    hopefully when you start doing this development,
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    hopefully that will change. That's a great idea.
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You're using a soccer field or just an open field for
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    them to play?
                MR. KEMM: Actually, I can give you a
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              I was going to get more detail on that when
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    preview.
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    we got to the plan, but let me bring that up right
    now, Mr. Chairman, and give you a better idea.
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    be able to --
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                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS:
                                    That would help.
                            Sometimes it's better to start
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                MR. KEMM:
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    at the end and then go back to the beginning. I
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    probably should have --
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                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS:
                                    That's okay.
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                MR. KEMM:
                           No worries. Whatever makes it
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    easier for the Board to understand.
                                          So the outline
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    here if you can see my mouse pointer, is the
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    entire property.
                Up along Kaighns Avenue there's going to
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    be a sports field that is going to be used for
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    football and soccer and things of that nature.
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    There's going to be a parking area.
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                There will be the usual stands,
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               The concession building, which will be on
    bathroom.
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    our site plan application when we come back, may be
    built in the future due to finance issues.
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    initial is get to the field and the stands, the
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- bathrooms and the parking lot built. So that's what
  will be developed there. And I'll get into more
- detail when we go through Redevelopment Plan
- 4 Amendment.
- 5 CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: I understand.
- MR. KEMM: We will mark this right now as
- 7 Exhibit A-3 since it's up on the screen.
- 8 CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: Yes, please. You have
- 9 exists on the Kaighns Avenue side or no?
- 10 MR. KEMM: Let me zoom in a little bit
- 11 here. I think as of now, the exit is on, what is
- 12 that, 7th Street of the left side of the property?
- 13 Down here.
- 14 CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: Yeah, I saw that. I'm
- 15 must concerned and I'm pretty sure the Fire Marshall
- 16 is going to be concerned as well for access. For
- emergency purposes, that's a lot of ground to cover
- 18 to go to that side of the exit.
- 19 MR. KEMM: Good point, Mr. Chairman.
- 20 This is Concept Plan. I'll make a note of that.
- 21 CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: No, I understand that
- 22 part. And that's a reason why I'm making
- 23 suggestions. That's all.
- MR. KEMM: No, no. We do appreciate
- 25 that. We'll make a note to discuss that with the

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police and fire as we move along with finalizing the
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    site plan to see what areas of access.
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    certainly have gates and fences and things of that
    nature to provide access at various points as needed
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    for public safety.
                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS:
                                    The other thing would
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    be, any poles, meaning, flag pole or any
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    identifications that are being, signs or anything
    that identifies that lot?
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                MR. KEMM: I'm sure there will be.
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    Again, we're kind of in a preliminary stage of
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    design.
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                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS:
                                   Just curiosity.
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    That's all I'm doing.
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                MR. KEMM: Again, we do appreciate the
    input and the insight. This is what your Board does.
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    They review site plans day in and day out. And you
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    know the area certainly better than we do even though
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    as I'll show on an exhibit as we move on.
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                                                The Kipp
    High School is a block away. Any insight is greatly
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    appreciated.
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                MR. BURNS: Mr. Kemm, could you just
    re-identify what A-1 was?
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                MR. KEMM: Certainly. A-1 was --
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                                    The first picture --
                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS:
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MR. KEMM: A-1, it's Map 3 entitled
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    Aerial of Study Area which is included in the
3
    Investigation Report. I can put it back up on the
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    screen.
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                MR. BURNS: No. I just need it to
    identify it. Thank you.
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                MR. KEMM: No worries. Again, I said I
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    will -- I'll submit afterwards. I'll put a marking
    on each one of these, A-1, with tonight's date, A-2.
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    I'll submit them to you and the Board Secretary and
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    Dr. Williams so you have them in the file to round
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    things out.
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                MR. BURNS:
                            Thank you.
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                MR. KEMM:
                           No worries.
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                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: For me, I don't have
    anymore further questions. The Board, I give you
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    another opportunity to speak your peace. Anybody?
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                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: Mr. Chairman, we are
    treating them as two separate A and B. If you want
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    to open this portion to the public, we can do that to
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    see if there's any public comment on the presentation
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    to date.
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                                   If I don't hear
                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS:
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    anything from our Board, I guess so. I'll now open
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    it up to the public. Doctor Williams, do you have
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anybody there that wants to voice their opinion?
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                DR. WILLIAMS: No, sir, I don't see no
    hands raised, Mr. Chair.
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                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: With that, we'll move
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    on to the second which is the Amendment to the
5
    Gateway Redevelopment Plan regarding Block 405, Lots
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    1, 7, 8 and 11.
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                MR. KEMM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
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    going to put this up. I'm going to mark this as A-4.
    And it's the same image that we were looking at
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    earlier. However, this is Figure 3 which is entitled
    Area of Block 405 Sub-Area. And this is an exhibit
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    figure, rather, that is included in the Gateway
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    Redevelopment Plan Amendment which has been submitted
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    to the Board. It's technically titled Block 405,
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    Amendment to the Gateway Redevelopment Plan dated
    August 13, 2024. And in that, we have created a
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    Block 405 Sub-Area that just has the zoning for this
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    particular property. So that way, the remainder of
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    your Redevelopment Area and its standards are not
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    touched.
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                We already looked at a board, A-3, which
    was the Concept Plan. I'm also going to share a
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    closeup so-to-speak of the plan. Actually, I'm going
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    to go with a large exhibit. This is a more zoomed
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out. I'll mark this as A-5 which shows the property, 1 2 a development of the field that we're looking at. 3 And this illustrates the high school is a block away. The students would walk over from there. This is not 4 5 part of the Study, so I will mark this and submit this as well. But I will go back because it's easier 6 to see, a more closeup site plan. 7 8 So, again, the field will be developed as a typical athletic field. It will be used for field 9 sports such as football and soccer. 10 bleachers, bathrooms. A concession stand is 11 12 included. Again, may be built in the future due to 13 monetary concerns. There's site lighting for the 14 Lighting for the field may be added in the 15 future. It will be included in the site plan. There will be no classrooms or building of that 16 type. Everything here is solely related to the 17 18 athletic field. 19 The Redevelopment Plan provides for 20 making everything you're seeing here, as a permitted 2.1 So the Redevelopment Plan standards have all use. 22 these setbacks, side yard, front yard setback, 23 impervious coverage, things of that nature. 24 would an As-of-Right Redevelopment Application and

our Site Plan Application when we submit that.

In our review, the Redevelopment Plan meets the criteria under the Redevelopment Law which seems a bit inconsistent when you read the language but I'll split it into two parts. It says, it needs to be one not inconsistent with the Master Plan. So it can't be a portion of the Master Plan that says, you cannot do this. We did not locate anything in the Master Plan that would directly prevent this from being developed and for the Redevelopment Amendment to go through. And then it's also a separate finding that it's substantially consistent with the Master Plan and Design to effectuate the Maser Plan. also found that the Master Plan does discuss redevelopment of areas, vacant areas and other criteria that would apply to this.

So it is our finding and we suggest that the Board make the same finding that is also consistent with the Master Plan. Again, we would ask the Board to adopt its review of the Plan Amendment and recommend to the Council to adopt it and also amend the zoning map to reflect that it's now subject to the Redevelopment Plan as the set forth in this property. Again, we have our design and project professionals available to answer detailed questions that I'm unable to field. That's the extent of our

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presentation, Mr. Chairman.
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                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS:
                                    Thank you.
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    anybody on the Board that have any questions in
    relationship to this subject that has just been
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    explained?
                DIRECTOR WALKER:
                                  Yes, I do. You said
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    first that you're going to build the field and then
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    all the ancillary stuff is going to be built later on
    because of monetary. How long will the -
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                MR. KEEM:
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                           Let me --
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                DIRECTOR WALKER: --field is --
                           I'm sorry, sir. I talked over
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                MR. KEMM:
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    you.
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                DIRECTOR WALKER: How long after the
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    field would the second stage take place? That's a
    lot of stands to take up.
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                MR. KEMM: Right.
                                    The thing -- maybe
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    it's easier to start with what we may not build
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    immediately. So we're going to build everything
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    except for the concession stand and lighting for
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    the -- to light the field for night games. There
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    will be lighting so you can safely get through the
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    property.
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                So the concession stand and the lighting
    may come in the future because we have to see how
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things price-out after we get site plan approval and
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    get to the --, you know, letting-out contract stages.
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    And we'll have hopefully a better handle on that when
    we come back for site plan approval which should be
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    at the end of the year after we get through the
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    council process of this.
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                So those are the two items that may be
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    held off. Again, it may turn out that we can afford
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    the concession stand; the lights come later or
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    vice-versa. And hopefully, we have a better answer
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    for that when we appear for the site plan
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    application.
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                DIRECTOR WALKER: Thank you. Understood.
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    Thank you very much.
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                MR. KEMM:
                           You're welcome.
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                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS:
                                    Anyone else on the
            I have a question that relates your parking
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    Board?
    area that you have on this drawing. Is your engineer
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            I like to know how many cars are going to be
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    there?
    able to park there.
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                MR. KEMM:
                            Yes.
                                  We should have --
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                MR. FITZGERALD:
                                 This is Blake Fitzgerald
    with Pennoni Associates.
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                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: You need to be sworn
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in.

MR. BURNS: Would you raise your right 1 2 hand, please. 3 4 BLAKE FITZGERALD, P.E., having first been 5 duly sworn/affirmed, was examined and testified as follows: 6 7 MR. BURNS: Very good. If you could just 8 give a little brief history of your education and 9 your experience in testifying before planning and 10 11 zoning boards in the State of New Jersey. I graduated from 12 MR. FITZGERALD: Yes. 13 Rowan University in 2010 with a Bachelor of Science 14 in civil engineering. I have had my license since 15 2017 in the State of New Jersey. And I have provided testimony in front of boards in Camden County and in 16 Gloucester County. 17 18 MR. BURNS: Your license is still in good 19 standing, correct? 20 MR. FITZGERALD: Yes. 2.1 MR. BURNS: We can accept the gentleman 22 as an expert in engineering. 23 MR. KEMM: Blake, can you advise the 24 chairman the number of parking spaces we're 25 proposing at this point?

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MR. FITZGERALD: Yes, we have 43 spaces.
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                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS:
                                    Is that including
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    handicap as well or no?
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                MR. FITZGERALD:
                                 That includes the
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    handicap and one EV space.
                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS:
                                    Looking at this
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    diagram that you have here, is that space available
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    for the bus to pick up and drop off?
                MR. FITZGERALD: Yes. We have
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    incorporated a drop-off area for bus pick-up and
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11
    drop-off right there. Yes, right where the cursor is
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    that Karl is moving there.
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                MR. KEMM: I got you Blake. It's this
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    big open area is for buses for pull in and drop off
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    and pick up students.
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                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: And you said it was 43
    parking spaces?
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                MR. FITZGERALD: Yes.
                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: You may need more than
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20
    that. And you're using the outside as parking as
    well?
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                                  Outside, you mean
                MR. FITZGERALD:
    outside of the site?
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                                    No. Across the
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                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS:
25
    street.
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MR. FITZGERALD: Yes. I would
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2
    anticipate that overflow would park on 7th Street.
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                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS:
                                    Because then you're
    going to need an issue with that, a variance when you
4
5
    come again. Because the property itself is not going
    to support all the cars you're going to have bringing
6
    all those kids in there, let alone the families.
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                MR. BURNS: Counsel, do you anticipate
9
    having -- needing a parking variance? I think the
    Chair makes a good point. Are you going to be
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11
    shuttling people over? Do you have any sense yet of
    what you're going to be doing as it relates to making
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13
    sure you can park on the site?
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                MR. KEMM:
                           The Redevelopment Plan that
15
    was submitted has this amount of parking as a
    conforming parking.
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                MR. BURNS: So 43 spaces means you don't
17
    need a variance.
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                MR. KEMM:
                           Correct.
                MR. BURNS: I think what the Chair is
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21
    pointing out is, what reality may hold and --
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                MR. KEMM:
                           Understood.
23
                MR. BURNS: -- how you can accommodate
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    off-site.
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                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS:
                                    When you come to our
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Board to make the official Planning Board development
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    of that area, that is going to be one of the major
3
    criterias. And the engineer is going to be telling
    you that part when you come in.
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                MR. KEMM: We'll do some more homework on
5
    that and have a better detail for you. We have --
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                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: Also, traffic flow
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    because you're near the main entrance and exit of a
9
    major highway. And that is going to be dangerous in
    reference to children going in and out of that
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11
    specific area, especially if they're walking from the
    school to the lot.
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                MR. KEMM:
                           Understood. We will drill
14
    into that so we have a better analysis when we come
15
    back for a site plan.
16
                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS:
                                    Yeah.
                                           Because you may
    need to have guards on crosswalks where they're going
17
    to be coming from the school to the lot.
18
19
                MR. KEMM:
                            Correct.
20
                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: You're going to need a
21
    traffic report.
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                MR. KEMM: We'll have one prepared for
23
    site plan.
24
                                  Understood.
                MR. FITZGERALD:
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                                    And I know Dena is
                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS:
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going to be asking for it for sure.
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                MR. KEMM:
                            Yes.
                                  I've worked with Dena in
3
               She's quite thorough.
                                       So we will also be
    talking with your Board professionals as we're
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5
    finalizing the design to get input from them as well.
    So hopefully, when we get to the Board, we've
6
    addressed most of the obvious concerns for you.
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                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS:
                                    That's good.
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    very important. Just running through my mind.
    think the only last question that I would have
10
    besides the traffic flow is, that that area has an
11
    issue with flooding on that Kaighns Avenue side.
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    don't know if you guys are going to be able to
14
    address that. Because if water runs off that park
15
    into the street, you're going to create a problem.
                            Understood. Yes, we'll have
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                MR. KEMM:
    to comply with the current stormwater regs and I
17
    know -- like I said, this is a concept plan and those
18
    things all are being designed but we'll make a
19
    special note to look into that.
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                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: Yes.
                                          It's the corners
22
    of Kaighns Avenue and 7th Street and Atlantic Avenue.
23
    They tend to when it rains heavy, pile up on those
    specific corners.
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                            Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
                MR. KEMM:
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CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: Only because I drive
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    by there almost every other day. I know the area
3
    pretty well. Other than that, that's about it on my
    end. Opening it up to the public. Anybody in the
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5
    public Dr. Williams that you see that want to
    respond? Do you have any questions to this?
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                DR. WILLIAMS: No, sir, I don't see no
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    hands raised at this time.
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                                    Then I will close the
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                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS:
    public portion of it and bring it to the Board.
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    I think we got one more thing to do which is the
    Adoption of the Resolutions to the two above parts.
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                MR. BURNS: We need a motion.
                                                These are
14
    two motions, Mr. Chairman. The first motion will be
15
    a motion recommending to City Council designating
    Block 405, Lots 1, 7, 8 and 11, an Area in Need of
16
    Redevelop -- Need of Non-condemnation Redevelopment
17
    pursuant to New Jersey Local Redevelopment Housing
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19
          And included in the Gateway Redevelopment Area,
    an amended City Zoning Map. So that would be Motion
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2.1
    No. 1.
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                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS:
                                   And then therefore
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    stating that fact, can I have a motion to say we
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    agree or what? Come on people?
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                            So moved.
                MS. CREAN:
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1	CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: Who is that?
2	MS. CREAN: Erin Crean.
3	CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: Thank you.
4	VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Second.
5	MR. BURNS: That was Mr. Lee.
6	DR. WILLIAMS: Second by Mr. Lee.
7	CHAIRMAN DeJESUS: Roll call.
8	MS. MILLER: Jose DeJesus.
9	CHAIRMAN DeJESUS: Yes.
10	MS. MILLER: Mr. Lee.
11	VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Yes.
12	MS. MILLER: Director Walker.
13	DIRECTOR WALKER: Yes.
14	MS. MILLER: Mr. Leonard.
15	MR. LEONARD: Yes.
16	MS. MILLER: Councilwoman Ramos.
17	COUNCILWOMAN RAMOS: Yes.
18	MS. MILLER: Ms. Crean.
19	MS. CREAN: Yes.
20	MS. MILLER: Ms. Fraction.
21	MS. FRACTION: Yes.
22	MR. BURNS: Very good. Motion passes,
23	Mr. Chairman.
24	The next motion will be a motion
25	recommending that City Council adopt the Gateway

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    Redevelopment Plan Amendment and recommending the
2
    amendment to the City Zoning Map with a finding that
    the amendment is consistent with the City of Camden
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4
    Master Plan.
                MS. CREAN: So moved.
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                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE:
                                     Second.
6
                                    Roll call.
7
                CHAIRMAN DeJESUS:
                MS. MILLER: Jose DeJesus.
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                CHAIRMAN DeJESUS: Yes.
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                MS. MILLER: Mr. Lee.
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                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Yes.
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                MS. MILLER: Director Walker.
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                DIRECTOR WALKER:
                                   Yes.
                             Mr. Leonard.
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                MS. MILLER:
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                MR. LEONARD: Yes.
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                MS. MILLER: Councilwoman Ramos.
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                COUNCILWOMAN RAMOS:
                                      Yes.
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                MS. MILLER:
                              Ms. Crean.
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                MS. CREAN:
                             Yes.
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                MS. MILLER: Ms. Fraction.
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                MS. FRACTION:
                                Yes.
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                MS. MILLER: Motion carried to approve.
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                MR. BURNS: We got two motions approved.
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    Brenda's been added as being a sitting member tonight
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    so we had seven members. To vote to approve both
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Resolutions was seven to zero. And with that being
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    said, to approve the adoption is seven to zero.
                With that we have two resolutions that we
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    prepared in anticipation of tonight's meeting.
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    are before you as Preliminary Investigation Report of
    Amendment to the Gateway Redevelopment Area to
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7
    include Block 405, Lots 1, 7, 8 and 11.
                                              And the
    second Resolution is the amendment to the Gateway
8
    Redevelopment Plan regarding Block 405, Lots 1, 7, 8,
9
    and 11. So if we can have a motion to approve and
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    memorialize both of those Resolutions tonight.
                MS. CREAN: So moved.
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                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE:
                                     Second.
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                CHAIRMAN DeJESUS:
                                    Roll call.
15
                MS. MILLER: Jose DeJesus.
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                CHAIRMAN DeJESUS:
                                    Yes.
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                MS. MILLER: Mr. Lee.
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                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE:
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                MS. MILLER: Director Walker.
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                DIRECTOR WALKER:
                                  Yes.
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                MS. MILLER:
                             Mr. Leonard.
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                MR. LEONARD:
                               Yes.
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                              Councilwoman Ramos.
                MS. MILLER:
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                COUNCILWOMAN RAMOS:
                                      Yes.
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                MS. MILLER:
                              Ms. Crean.
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MS. CREAN:
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                            Yes.
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                MS. MILLER: Ms. Fraction.
                MS. FRACTION:
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                                Yes.
                MS. MILLER: Motion carried to approve.
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                MR. BURNS: So both resolutions passed.
    You're welcome, Counsel. Thank you for all the hard
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7
    work.
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                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: Thank you for your
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    patience with me in reference to the questions I
    asked.
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                MR. KEMM: We do appreciate the questions
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    and the input, Chairman. And, again, I want to thank
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    the Board members and the Board professionals, again,
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    for coming out tonight and giving us a Special
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    Meeting. And, hopefully, we kept it relatively quick
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    and easy for you. And I also do want to thank
    Dr. Williams especially and the Board staff for
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    assisting us at this point in time. Again, we kept
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    notes. We will address those concerns you raised at
    site plan and we'll coordinate with the Board
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    professionals. Again, thank you very much and have a
22
    good evening.
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                                  Thank you.
                MR. FITZGERALD:
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                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: And you too.
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    a motion to adjourn.
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MS. CREAN: So moved.
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                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Second.
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                CHAIRMAN DeJESUS: Roll call.
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                MS. MILLER: Jose DeJesus.
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                CHAIRMAN DeJESUS: Yes.
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                MS. MILLER: Mr. Lee.
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                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Yes.
                MS. MILLER: Director Walker.
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                DIRECTOR WALKER: Yes.
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                MS. MILLER: Mr. Leonard.
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                MR. LEONARD: Yes.
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                MS. MILLER: Councilwoman Ramos.
                COUNCILWOMAN RAMOS: Yes.
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                MS. MILLER: Ms. Crean.
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                MS. CREAN: Yes.
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                MS. MILLER: Ms. Fraction.
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                MS. FRACTION: Yes.
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                MS. MILLER: Motion carried to approve.
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    Thank you.
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                CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: Have a good night
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    everyone.
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           (**Meeting concluded at 6:39 p.m.**)
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