

ANIZDA Public Improvement Committee
Minutes
December 21, 2020
Virtual Public Meeting Held via Videoconference
5:00 pm

Attendees: David Mickenberg, Nelson Diaz, Seymour Traub, Esq., Irene Woodward

Board Staff: Steve Bamford (Executive Director), Jerry Frank (ANIZDA Solicitor) and Michelle Reid (Executive Assistant)

Presenters: John Morgan, Executive Director, Allentown Parking Authority; JB Reilly, President, City Center Investment Corporation

- 1. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by S. Traub, acting as committee chairperson, at 5:00 pm. The meeting had been dutifully advertised in advance. A quorum was met. S. Traub asked the Executive Director to make some introductory remarks. S. Bamford stated:

In accordance with Act 15 of 2020, and the declaration of a disaster emergency by the Governor and to protect the public from the spread of COVID-19, the Allentown Neighborhood Improvement Zone Development Authority (ANIZDA) Public Improvement Committee is holding this public meeting virtually via Zoom video conferencing.

Instructions and the link to attend this meeting were posted on the ANIZDA website at www.allentownniz.com along with the meeting agenda. The meeting notice was also published in the Morning Call.

Members of the public who are attending this virtual meeting may provide written comment on matters before the board using the Zoom chat function throughout the meeting. Depending on the device you are using, the chat icon may appear at the top, bottom, or side of your screen. Chair Sy Traub will request and pause for public comment before matters before the committee are acted upon this evening. Comments received will be read aloud by staff. We ask that any member of the public submitting comment also provide their first and last name so that it may be reflected in the meeting minutes.

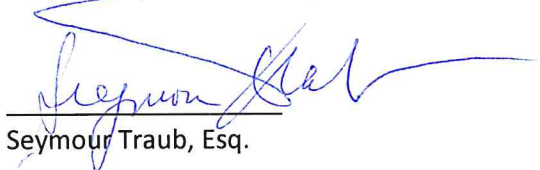
We are fortunate to have videoconferencing technology available to us during these challenging times and are appreciative of everyone's flexibility and understanding.

- 2. Approval of December 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes** – N. Diaz moved and D. Mickenberg seconded and the minutes were approved.
- 3. LANta Redesign and Relocation—Allentown Parking Authority and City Center Allentown**

- a. S. Bamford stated that the LANta bus terminal redesign and relocation was originally reviewed by the Project Review Committee and approved by the ANIZDA board in June of 2020. The approved project was to be funded with a loan from ESSA Bank & Trust in an amount not to exceed \$3 million. Co-sponsors Allentown Parking Authority and City Center Allentown are before the Public Improvement Committee with a request to fund the project through the Public Improvement Investment Program utilizing the recently extended line of credit ANIZDA has established with Peoples Security Bank & Trust, rather than the loan from ESSA.
- b. J. Morgan presented the request to change the funding source for the project indicating that this is a project that would benefit the community and substantially improve public safety and it does not generate additional revenue for the Allentown Parking Authority. JB Reilly explained that due to the uncertainty of NIZ revenues and the parking authority's plans to build additional garages, ESSA has concerns with APA taking on the additional debt. City Center is the Guarantor of the public improvement line of credit. Owen O'Neill and Tom Williams were present and expressed support for the public improvement project on behalf of LANta and the City of Allentown.
- c. D. Mickenberg moved to recommend the project proceed to the ANIZDA board for consideration and N. Diaz seconded the motion. The recommendation was approved.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Seymour Traub, Esq.