

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Members of the Public

FROM:

Bruce Steadman

Secretary

DATE:

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RE:

FMERA Board Meeting Protocol

In order to encourage efficient and productive Board meetings, the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority ("FMERA") will be using revised guidelines for the public comment periods of the monthly Board meetings. Members of the public are asked to provide any comments to FMERA in response to these guidelines.

FMERA was created by P.L. 2010, c. 51, to carry out the coordinated and comprehensive redevelopment and revitalization of Fort Monmouth. The FMERA Board holds monthly meetings in order to provide a venue to engage the public in a transparent redevelopment process. These meetings are held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. There are two periods of public comment provided in every monthly meeting.

In order to encourage efficient and productive discourse, FMERA will implement the following protocol for each public comment period:

1. Public Comment Regarding Action Items

This first period of public comment is limited to Board Action items listed on the Meeting Agenda only. If no Action items are included in a particular meeting agenda, this public comment period will be excluded and all comments will be reserved for the final public comment period. Each speaker will have up to three minutes to provide comments. No comments will be addressed until all the speakers have concluded and have returned to their seats. The three-minute period is not transferrable in whole in part from one speaker to another.

2. Public Comment

This second and final period of public comment is open for all FMERA-related business. Each speaker is allowed up to <u>five minutes</u> for any comments. No comments will be addressed until all the speakers have concluded and have returned to their seats. The five-minute period is <u>not</u> transferrable in whole or in part from one speaker

These changes will allow for a more responsive exchange with the public, as Board members and staff will be able to consider the full range of comments from each speaker before responding. In addition, the time limits will encourage participation from all members of the public, while maintaining an efficient and productive meeting. Accordingly, the three-minute and five-minute time limits will be enforced by the Chair.

Members of the public are welcome to provide any comments on the Board Meeting protocol. Thank you.

Bruce Steadman