

**BROWNFIELDS STAKEHOLDERS GROUP
MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 2006**

ATTENDEES:

Elizabeth Spinelli	Alan Lambiase
Samantha Bono	Thomas Mineo
Jim Morley	Angela DeQuina
Bill Montgomery	Schenine Mitchell
Judith Moss	Linda Wills
Kim Avant-Babb	Chris Auth
Tanya Marione Stanton	

ABSENT:

David Calamoneri	James Monkowski
Frank Mason	Stuart Koperweiss
Stephen Kehayes	Mike Gonnelli
Susan McCurrie	Tom Powell
Michael Rodgers	Robert Drasheff
Laurie Cotter	Jim Mack
Stephen Marks	Diana Fainberg
Jeong Seop Shim	Joe Gurkovich
Robin Kelliher	

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

This month's meeting was held at the Secaucus Public Library Business Resource Center, Secaucus, NJ. Elizabeth Spinelli called the meeting to order at 10:15 am. All attendees introduced themselves and identified their affiliations.

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2006 MEETING

The minutes of the March 14, 2006 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Jim Mack and seconded by Samantha Bono. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

III. SITE REVIEW –

Bette announced that the funds frozen by the USEPA's rescission have been reinstated to our County. She thanked Schenine Mitchell, Larry D'Andrea and Alan Steinberg of the EPA for helping us to obtain these funds.

AREAWIDE ASSESSMENT PROJECTS

Harrison Block 99 – Jim Mack discussed the progress we are making with the Block 99 site. The workplan has been completed and had been discussed with Stephen Kehayes. He expects the testing to take four to six weeks. There was a meeting held last week at the office of the HCEDC with Prof. Mack, E. Spinelli, J. Moss and Kristen Main of the PMK Group to discuss the project. This same group will be meeting this afternoon at the Harrison Redevelopment Agency with the Pegasus Group and the Town of Harrison to discuss the project.

Secaucus- This site is still under discussion by the town.

Kearny –The Kearny site for the Areawide project has not yet been chosen.

STATUS OF ACTIVE SITES

Kearny

284-288 Schuyler Avenue- Alan Lambiase stated that there has been no change on this site.

Hoboken

Todd Shipyard- The park site at 1600 Park Avenue is located on the site that was donated to the town by Toll Brothers. The remediation of the site is being performed by the construction of the open space/recreational area (capping).

West New York

62nd Street Senior Housing Project Proposed Expansion, 434-436 62nd Street, Block 34, Lots 38 and 39, 438 62nd Street Block 34, Lot 40; The town is in the process of applying for HDSRF funding. Tom Mineo updated us on the progress of the site, which is now a parking lot.

IV. GUEST SPEAKERS – Kim Avant-Babb Manager of Business Development, NJ Redevelopment Authority- Ms. Avant Babb gave a presentation on the funding sources available from her office. If you desire copies of her handouts, please contact Judith Moss at the HCEDC.

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V. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS –Judith Moss reported on 2 sites that are requesting UST funding:

446-448 Ocean Avenue, Jersey City- This is the former “Woody’s Service Station”. The site is being redeveloped into Hope VI housing and we are working with the JCRA to provide funding for tank removals. We are awaiting further info on the site from them (Site Investigation) before we can move on the project.

564-568 52nd Street, West New York-This site is being redeveloped as low/mod housing. They are requesting funds to remove three federally regulated tanks from the site, which formerly held auto repair and maintenance facilities. There is also an onsite building that must be demolished before the tanks can be accessed. We will be forwarding a letter to the USEPA requesting the use of UST grant funds for the project.

BDA UPDATE

There will be a meeting held this afternoon at the Harrison Redevelopment Agency to discuss the progress of the BDA.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING, DATE AND PLACE

The date for the next meeting has not been set. The meeting will hopefully include a bus ride to visit the brownfield sites in the program.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judith Moss
Brownfields Coordinator, Hudson County Economic Development Corporation