

**BROWNFIELDS STAKEHOLDERS GROUP
MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2007**

ATTENDEES:	Michael Rodgers	ABSENT:	Schenine Mitchell
Elizabeth Spinelli	Jim Mack	David Calamoneri	Fred Bado
Sadira Robles	Thomas Powell	Samantha Bono	Joseph J. Cicala
Stephen Kehayes	Masato Yamaji	Joseph Gurkovich	Angela DeQuina
Diana Fainberg	Linda Wills	Alan M. Lambiase	Gary Garetano
Chris Yen	William Montgomery	Michael Gonnelli	
Lorissa Whitaker	Jim Morley		
Ben Delisle	Yang Cao		
Robin Kelliher	Hon. Susan A. McCurrie Esq.		

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 10:00 a.m. All attendees introduced themselves and identified their affiliations.

We were especially honored to have Mr. Masato Yamaji participate in this month's BF Quarterly Meeting. Mr. Yamaji is from the Urban Renaissance Agency, overseen by the central government, in Japan and has been in the United States for the past four months researching successful examples of brownfields redevelopment. Mr. Yamaji contacted our office in the hopes of learning about some of our success stories and ongoing projects. He was a tremendous asset to our meeting as he engaged in our discussion and informed us of the problems facing his country. We hope that our dialogue at this meeting was informative and beneficial to Mr. Yamaji, as we all gained great insight into brownfields redevelopment in both Japan and New Jersey.

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2006 MEETING

The minutes of the December 12, 2006 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Tom Powell and seconded by Robin Kelliher. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

III. SITE REVIEW

AREAWIDE ASSESSMENT PROJECTS

Blocks 100, 101, and 102

Jim Mack gave an overview of the work being conducted by himself, PMK engineering and the Potomac Hudson Environmental Group. Currently they are working on Block 102, 100, and 101. He discussed the testing that they have conducted on the site. They stated that historic fill was the major component found in their soil samples. In addition, Jim Mack discussed the importance of utilizing the Mobile Lab for testing and analysis.

Kearny – Hon. Susan McCurrie, Esq. spoke about the Kearny site selection and explained that the Town of Kearny is looking at a couple of areas they would like to work on.

EXISTING PROJECTS REVIEW

Hoboken

Todd Shipyard- Diana Fainberg, representing Toll Brothers Developers for the Todd Shipyard project, provided the attendees with information on the criteria for granting installation of the walkway. She has been assisting Stephen Marks of the Hudson County Planning Department, with the conservations list in order to finalize the waterfront permit to the walkway. Diana Fainberg informed the attendees that the plans are in the final stages for the project. In addition, Stephen Kehayes informed the attendees that Hoboken has put up RFP's to hire an engineering firm to assist with the project and oversee the actual remediation on the site. The engineer should be hired within 30 days and initial work is expected to begin in May.

Diana Fainberg explained Toll Brothers Investments in the area for those who were unfamiliar with the project.

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Kearny

284-288 Schuyler Avenue- Hon. Susan McCurrie, Esq. gave an update on the site and informed the attendees that the area has been cleared out and the site has improved.

564-568 52ND Street Housing Project- The site is now a success story. It includes 70 units, 67 that are affordable housing.

62nd Street Senior Housing Project Proposed Expansion, 434-436 62nd Street, Block 34, Lots 38 and 39, 438 62nd Street Block 34, Lot 40; Elizabeth Spinelli informed the attendees that the City of West New York is actively working on the site, there is no update.

1600 Park Avenue, Hoboken –City is applying for funding for PA/SI work.

- IV. GUEST SPEAKERS- Yang Cao- HDSRF Coordinator for Hudson County-** Ms. Cao discussed HDSRF eligibility requirements for public entities and nonprofit organizations and the HDSRF application process. **Dr. William Montgomery, Dept. of Geoscience at New Jersey City University-** Dr. Montgomery discussed the benefits of partnering with academic institutions for successful opportunities in urban redevelopment.

V. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS –with the completion of 564-586 52nd Street site there will be no additional funding for underground tanks. The final report has been sent out to the USEPA.

BDA UPDATE

Brownfield Development Area (BDA) Grant out of the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, is running successfully in the Town of Harrison. There is major demolition taking place and new housing is already going up in the western portion of the property.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING, DATE AND PLACE

The date for the next meeting will be on May 15, 2007.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
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