

August 18, 2014  
Council Chambers-Borough Hall  
221 South 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Highland Park, NJ 08904  
The Highland Park Redevelopment Agency  
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting

**Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Highland Park Redevelopment Agency was called to order in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by Chairperson Baruh at 7:32 PM. Mrs. Baruh indicated the location of the fire exits.

**Roll Call**

Present	Mrs. Baruh, Mr. Guttenplan , Dr. Andrews, , Mr. Solomon, Mr. Perlman
Absent	Ms. McDonald
Agency Professionals	Mr. Baumann, Esq. HPRA Attorney
Council Liaison	Mr. Phil George, Council Liaison

Approval of minutes of previous meetings

May 1, 2014

There was a motion from Dr. Andrews with a second from Mr. Solomon and with a voice vote by all present; with Mr. Guttenplan and Mr. Perlman abstaining the minutes were approved.

Chairperson and Committee Reports

Mrs. Baruh introduced and welcomed Jeff Perlman a resident and professional planner who was appointed to the redevelopment agency on May 6, 2014.

Mrs. Baruh introduced and welcomed Mr. Joseph Baumann, who was selected to serve as agency attorney.

Mrs. Baruh introduced and welcomed Mr. Phillip George who will be the council liaison to the agency replacing Ms. Brill Mittler who is now serving as mayor.

Mr. Guttenplan reported on the August 6, 2014 Quarterly Economic Development meeting. There is a proposal for new lights to be installed on Raritan Ave., an application has been made for an Indian restaurant on Raritan Ave. There was a discussion about relocating the Farmer's Market. Mr. Guttenplan reported that there are development applications before the planning and zoning board. Mr. Guttenplan stated that there was discussion at the meeting about a parcel of property owned by Julia Im (in the redevelopment area) that is for sale. The next Quarterly Economic Development Meeting is November 5, 2015.

Mr. Baumann discussed his experience with redevelopment and opportunities for redevelopment in Highland Park. He discussed tools available to the redevelopment agency. He made suggestions to streamline the by-laws. The Agency will review the recommendations.

Mr. Baumann presented ideas for projects in the redevelopment area. The owner of the International Food Market has approached the agency to discuss a redevelopment project. There was a discussion about the Sunoco site. Mr. Baumann will contact the owners of the site.

Mr. George will discuss information from this meeting with the Borough Council and also will schedule a meeting for Mr. Baumann to meet with the Borough Council.

There was a discussion about parking in the downtown. Dr. Andrews referred to a parking study that was done for the area. It was mentioned that a recent study of parking lots was prepared by the borough planner. The commissioners concluded that Mr. Baumann should contact property owners in the redevelopment area. The group discussed increased communication and outreach. The commissioners will review the proposed changes to the rules and regulations that were prepared by Mr. Baumann.

The meeting was open to the public there were no comments from the public.

**Hearing of New Agenda Items**

Resolution HPRA R-2014-05 Bills List.

There was a motion from Dr. Andrews with a second from Mr. Solomon to approved the bills.

Roll

Ayes	Mrs. Baruh, Mr. Guttenplan, Dr. Andrews, Mr. Solomon, Mr. Perlman
Nays	none
Abstain	none
Absent	Ms. McDonald

Motion approved.

At 8:45 pm Mrs. Baruh made a motion to adjourn and with a voice vote by all present the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is September 4, 2014 at 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers at Borough Hall, 221 South Fifth Ave. Highland Park, NJ

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Reh,  
Highland Park Redevelopment Agency Clerk