

November 6, 2014
 Council Chambers-Borough Hall
 221 South 5th 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 7:30 PM. Mrs. Baruh indicated the location of the fire exits.

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

Approval of minutes of previous meetings

October 2, 2014

There was a motion from Mr. Perlman with a second from Mr. Solomon and with a voice vote by all present with Dr. Andrews abstaining the October 2, 2014 minutes were approved.

Chairperson and Committee Reports

Mrs. Baruh reported that she met with Mayor Brill Mittler, Joe Baumann and Eric Weinberg to discuss a mixed use development project for his property on Raritan Ave. consistent with the Redevelopment Plan. Mr. Weinberg will submit a concept plan to the agency.

Mr. Baumann has been in discussion with Anton Popov the owner of the International Food Market on Raritan Ave. Mr. Popov is considering a redevelopment project.

Mrs. Baruh introduced the proposed 2015 budget. The total proposed budget is \$30,300.00; there is also a surplus from the previous year of approximately \$5,000.00. Future escrow fees will cover most costs associated with a redevelopment project. There was discussion about the best use of the allocation for the attorney and the role of the commissioners. The budget can be reopened if it has to be increased. At this time the agency is not generating money and so the budget will come from tax dollar money from the borough.

There was discussion about Mr. Baumann meeting with the mayor and council in December. Councilperson George will look into dates and suggested that the agency provide an outline of the proposed changes to the redevelopment plan and the tools the agency will use to promote development in the downtown.

The meeting was open to the public, no one from the public appeared.

Resolution HPRA R-2014-10 Bills List.

There was a motion from Mr. Perlman with a second from Mr. Solomon to approve the bills list.

Roll call

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

Motion approved.

Resolution HPRA R-2014-11 Budget Introduction

There was a motion from Dr. Andrews with a second from Mr. Perlman to approve the budget introduction resolution, **with the condition that the budget would be amended if the agency incurs costs for new initiatives.**

Roll call

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

Motion approved

Dr. Andrews reported on his meeting with the Capital Improvements Planning Task Force. The task force held an organizational meeting and is in the process of gathering information. The task force will review the capital assets of Highland Park and future growth as a result of development. Dr. Andrews is also working with students on a parking study and will report back when the study is complete.

Jeff Perlman reported on a strategic planning session that he attended at Main Street Highland Park. During the session there was a review of a shopper's survey and discussion of better coordination between Main Street and the Redevelopment Agency.

There was a brief discussion about the sharrows that were recently installed to alert cyclists to use the roadways and not the sidewalks.

Mrs. Baruh reported that she attended the dedication of the new state of the art police station.

At 9:02 PM Mrs. Baruh made a motion to adjourn and with a voice vote by all present the meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Reh, Board Clerk