

Rahway Redevelopment Agency

- MINUTES -

Regular Meeting
May 18, 2004

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35p.m. in the Rahway Public Library.

SALUTE THE FLAG

Commissioners, officials and public attendees then saluted to the flag.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

This meeting was advertised and posted in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey.

ROLL CALL

On a call of the roll the following officials were present:

Courtney Clarke, Chairman
Anthony Deige, Commissioner
Paul Leso, Commissioner
Timothy Nash, Commissioner
Brian O'Donnell, Commissioner
William Rack, Commissioner

The following official was absent:

Nancy Saliga, Commissioner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the April 20, 2004, Regular Meeting were moved by Commissioner O'Donnell, seconded by Commissioner Deige, and then adopted by the following vote: Ayes - Clarke, Deige, Leso, Nash, O'Donnell & Rack; Nays - None; Abstained - None; Absent - Saliga.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received:

1. Letter dated April 23, 2004 from Peter Pelissier, Executive Director, to Lenore Slothower, Director of Building, Planning & Economic Development, regarding her "Achievement in Planning Award" from the N.J. Planning Officials.
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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There meeting was opened to the public at this time and the following spoke:

Mr. Thomas Murphy, owner of Murphy's Towing Service, 2053 US Hwy. 1, Rahway, stated his concerns about the possibility of White Castle taking over his property. He commented that he does not want to relocate his business and doesn't understand why White Castle isn't looking at other properties available in the City.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Rack, and then adopted by the following vote: Ayes - Clarke, Deige, Leso, Nash, O'Donnell & Rack; Nays - None;

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director reported on the following:

- 1. Hotel Site - Elevation diagrams will be reviewed on Thursday to determine if it will conform with the area. A full presentation will most likely be made to the Agency in June.*
- 2. Hobby House - The handicap access and number of units is in questions and hopefully will be determined at a meeting being held with the architect and Executive Director tomorrow.*
- 3. Timko/Kagen Project - Work has begun and the foundation is in.*
- 4. Mitchell Typewriter - A resolution is on the Agency's agenda tonight to obtain construction funding.*
- 5. Park Square/Landmark - Two properties still need to be acquired. Mr. Brophy has reached an agreement with the developer. Demolition can be at any time.*
- 6. Bell Drugs - The parking lot should be underway in July.*
- 7. Library - A punch list is currently being worked on.*
- 8. Essex St. - The developer is still awaiting NJDEP approval. 88 units is now the number they are at. Ken Schwartz has an agreement to utilize the house on the property although it is currently empty. Mr. Pelissier then stated to Mr. Regan that a letter should go to Mr. Schwartz to advise him that his lease is up in June unless he maintains the building and fixes the damages that have now incurred since he left it empty.*
- 9. A&M - The owners of A&M want to stay in Rahway although they are also looking in Avenel and Woodbridge. Both the seller and the buyer would like to see this transaction take place and it will be about six more weeks or so until it is determined whether or not this project will be able to go forward.*
- 10. Hamilton Laundry - The developer is working on a concept plan and clean up still needs to take place.*
- 11. Premier Homes - A letter was received stating that it was very hard to obtain an economic standing on this project, and the developer will be asked to come to a meeting to update the Agency.*
- 12. Quick Chek - Mr. Smith signed his agreement. Mr. Murphy will be signing his agreement soon and everything should proceed in the very near future.*

The Executive Director's verbal report was moved by Commissioner Leso, seconded by

*Commissioner
Deige,
and
then
adopted by
the
following
vote:
Ayes -
Clarke,
Deige,
Leso,
Nash,
O'Donnell &
Rack;
Nays -
None;
Abstain*

Moved: Commissioner O'Donnell Seconded: Commissioner Nash
Ayes: Clarke, Deige, Leso, Nash, O'Donnell & Rack
Nays: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Saliga

39-04 *This resolution was removed from the agenda prior to the meeting:* RESOLUTION TO AWARD A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO THE LIBRARY CORPORATION (TLC) FOR SPECIALIZED LIBRARY SERVICES RELATIVE TO AN IN-HOUSE LIBRARY INVENTORY DATABASE AND CIRCULATION SYSTEM FOR THE RAHWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY PROJECT LOCATED IN THE LOWER MAIN STREET REDEVELOPMENT AREA

40-04 2005 AUTHORITY BUDGET RESOLUTION - RAHWAY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Moved: Commissioner O'Donnell Seconded: Commissioner Nash
Ayes: Clarke, Deige, Leso, Nash, O'Donnell & Rack
Nays: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Saliga

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

There were no comments made by the Commissioners at this time. The Executive Director asked that the Commissioners consider not having a meeting in either July or August.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:02p.m.