

**REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP  
SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
June 19, 2006**

The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency of Franklin Township was held at 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ and was called to order at 7:59 p.m. by Chairman Richard Barber. The Sunshine Law was read. The roll was taken as follows:

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**PRESENT:** Lewis Hurd (arrived at 7:50), Mayor Brian Levine, Deputy Major Wandra Ashley-Williams and Chairman Richard Barber

**ABSENT:** Michael Gianotto, Kimberly Francois and Dennis Sanders

**ALSO PRESENT:** Leslie G. London, Esquire, Kenneth W. Daly, Executive Director, Deborah Mitchell, Redevelopment Administrator and Diane Milgram, Recording Secretary

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**MINUTES**

- **Regular Meeting of April 17, 2006**

Mr. Hurd made a motion to approve and release the minutes to the public as submitted. Deputy Mayor Ashley-Williams seconded the motion. All members were in favor except for Mayor Levine who was absent from that meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Report on Churchill-Millstone**

Ms. Mitchell addressed the Agency and informed them that she has received two proposals. She has confirmed a Redevelopment Subcommittee meeting on June 22, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the proposals.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Attorney Invoice #88575, #88689 and #88690**

Deputy Mayor Ashley-William made a motion to approve the invoices as submitted. Mr. Hurd seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the approval.

- **Report on Hamilton Street Business & Community Corp.**

Ms. Mitchell prepared and submitted to the Agency a summary of the Hamilton Street Business and Community Corp. (HSBCC) meeting, which took place on May 9, 2006. Ms. Mitchell informed the Agency that The Taste of Hamilton was a success and plans have been initiated to host another Taste of Hamilton Day event at the new Comfort Inn. The plans for the Week of the People are in place, which is scheduled to begin on September 10, 2006. Events include HSBCC activities, Interfaith Day and Diversity in the Workplace. A community group organized a neighborhood cleanup day, which had a problem recruiting help. It was suggested that the group contact the local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts troops for help.

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- **Report on Somerset Street Meeting**

Ms. Mitchell addressed the Agency regarding a meeting she had on May 31, 2006 with the property and business owners from the area. The topics discussed included the Commercial Property Standards proposed for the Redevelopment Area, the Route 27 improvements and the Somerset Street Business Incentive Grant. The group is interested in preparing and submitting a joint proposal for improving their business property.

- **Commercial Standards**

Ms. Mitchell has solicited comments from business owners and a local developer regarding the design standards for their commercial properties fronting along Route 27 between Oak Place and Douglas Avenue. They were advised that they could receive a certificate of completion upon compliance with the plan, once established.

Chairman Barber suggested that Council be informed that there are concerns with the lack of cooperation between the Sewerage Authority and the Township's objectives for redevelopment due to the lack of sewage capacity. Mr. Daly informed the Agency that an independent study is currently being conducted to confirm the sewage capacity for the redevelopment area.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Deputy Mayor Ashley-Williams made a motion to open the meeting to the public. Mr. Hurd seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

Shirley Pietrucha, 49 9<sup>th</sup> Street came forward and asked about the attorneys' invoices. It was confirmed that legal invoices, once approved, are available for the public to review through Mr. Daly's office.

Mr. Isaac Briggs came forward and had several comments regarding the delays in the redevelopment area due to sewerage capacity issues. He asked about the number of affordable units proposed to be built by the Leewood Redeveloper. It was explained that of the 226 units proposed, 113 would be affordable rentable units.

There were no other questions or comments from to the public. Deputy Mayor Ashley-Williams made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. All members were in favor.