

NEW JERSEY BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

**POLICY & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2005  
10:00 P.M. – 12:00 P.M.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS  
101 SOUTH BROAD STREET  
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY  
OFFICE OF SMART GROWTH LIBRARY - 7TH FLOOR

**Committee Members Present—**

Leah Healey - Public Member – Committee Chair  
Sally Dudley, Public Member – Environmental  
Richard Gimello – NJ Department of Transportation  
Frances E. Hoffman – Office of Smart Growth, NJ Department of Community Affairs  
Colleen Kokas – Site Remediation and Waste Management, NJ Department of Environmental Protection  
Nicole Royle – NJ Economic Development Authority  
Erin Simone – NJ Department of Agriculture  
Rose Smith – NJ Economic Development Authority  
James D. Simmons – NJ Commerce, Economic Growth and Tourism

**Committee Members Not Present—**

William Mullen – Public Member – Labor and Trade  
Dennis Toft, Public Member – Task Force Chairperson

**Other Attendees—**

Kathleen Pental, Office of Smart Growth, NJ Department of Community Affairs  
Lindsay Blount – The Regional Planning Partnership  
Alan Miller - Office of Smart Growth, NJ Department of Community Affairs  
Veronica Martella – Intern, Office of Smart Growth, NJ Department of Community Affairs

**I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME—**

Leah Healey, Chairperson of the Policy and Legislative Committee of the NJ Brownfields Redevelopment Task Force, welcomed the Committee and called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS—**

It was announced that, as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006, Richard Gimello will retire and will no longer be representing DOT. Gratitude was expressed for his important contributions and service to the Task Force.

Also, appreciation was expressed to Ms Hoffman for her contribution to the ANJEC manual for local environmental commissions to help citizens understand the Brownfields process.

**III. ROLL CALL—**Kathleen Pental called roll. A quorum was present.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES—**Ms Hoffman moved to postpone the approval of the minutes until the next meeting due to technical problems at the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

**V. COMMITTEE BUSINESS—**

- Department of Transportation reported on recent Port- and freight-related discussions. Committee

members were encouraged to review the website [www.cipiponline.com](http://www.cipiponline.com) for further information. The Committee needs to determine better ways to address the needs for the sites in the port area and how to get the message to the public regarding the ports. Freight rail planning should be a major focus of the outreach. Senator Smith's office has a bill regarding Portfield's and Task Force support is important. Brownfields is an essential factor in the reuse of the port areas.

- Department of Commerce raised the need to explore what new incentives were important and recommend new sources to support those incentives. Mr. Simmons will address this further with Treasury and representatives from other departments to see what might be available for Brownfields Redevelopment.
- Administrative Consent Order and Memorandum of Agreement for NRD - On December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005 there will be an internal DEP meeting to discuss the ACO and MOA for the National Resource Damages. The DEP will send the information regarding the outcome of the meeting to the Task Force and a representative from that meeting will come and meet with the Task Force and discuss the outcomes.
- Non-profit /faith-based brownfields redevelopment - It was suggested that the Task Force reach out to the non-profit and faith-based organizations that are interested in brownfields redevelopment. It was noted that the BRIT was planning to hold an informational meeting with the Habitat for Humanity offices, and a major faith-based organization was also to be included. The meeting was postponed at the request of Habitat officials, but BRIT will attempt to reschedule.
- Wastewater regulations impact on redevelopment outside Planning Areas 1 and 2 was raised. This issue should be raised with the State Administration. One question that needs further discussion is how to treat Brownfields in PA 3, 4, and 5.
- Calendar for the 2006 Policy and Legislative Committee Meetings:
  - January 24th, 2006
  - March 28th, 2006
  - May 23rd, 2006
  - July 25th, 2006
  - September 26th, 2006
  - November 28th, 2006
- Report to the Legislative Governor and Transition Team. It was agreed that the Task Force would produce a forward-thinking document that contains strong recommendations. This document should be forceful, with language impressing upon the reader the importance of brownfields, and including an agenda for the Task Force as it moves forward. The report should also go to the Transition Team.

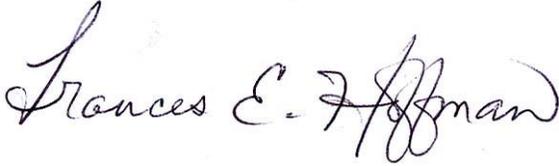
Before sending the report to the Governor and Legislature, the ideas need the consensus of the member agencies of the Task Force. Committee members were reminded that the Task Force needed to have its own set of priorities and these may differ from the priorities of its separate agency members.

- Changes in HDSRF Program. A training session needs to be set up for people interested in learning about the recent amendments to HDSRF. The Committee will reach out to Rutgers, and perhaps the BRIT and Rutgers can work together on provide a facility for these training session.

**V. COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS—None**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**—The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frances E. Hoffman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Frances E. Hoffman  
Secretary, New Jersey Brownfields Redevelopment Task Force

Prepared by Cynthia Weiser  
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