

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Bayonne Local Redevelopment Authority Board of Commissioner's 11/18 Meeting**

*Bayonne*, November 19, 2004 – The Board of Commissioners of the Bayonne Local Redevelopment Authority (BLRA) welcomed their newest commissioner, Marguerite “Peggy” Baber to the Board at their November 18<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting.

Baber is the president and founder of the Simpson Baber Foundation for the Autistic, and one of the leaders behind the Busy Bee Program at Bayonne Medical Center.

At the meeting, the commissioners ratified and affirmed the actions of the executive Director, Nancy A. Kist, to enter into a right of entry/license agreement with Find Me Guilty, LLC, for one day of filming. The BLRA also entered into an agreement with Find Me Guilty for additional filming at an exterior location on Constitution Avenue.

Pick-Up Productions, Inc. will be onsite at The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor for a six-day period while filming “Carlito’s Way: The Beginning,” a prequel to the 1993 hit film, “Carlito’s Way.” “The new film is directed by Michael Bergman and will star Mario Van Peebles and Puff Daddy, Sean Combs.

In addition, the Board ratified the actions of the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Liebovitz Studio, who recently leased space in Quarters A for a shoot with talk show host and comedian, Ellen Degeneres.

According to City Council President and BLRA Commissioner Vincent Lo Re, Jr., these types of activities brings ratables to the city of Bayonne and is extremely beneficial to the community.”

Professional service agreements were renewed with Schwartz, Tobia, Stanziale, Sedita & Campisano as well as with Ronan, Tuzzio & Giannone for legal services

A change order increasing Trevcon Constructions’s contract for phase I of south side stabilization was approved to allow for an additional 360 feet of concrete cap, hydro seeding and payment to Cablevision for a damaged conduit. The Board also voted to approve a decrease of the contract for seven feet less of RCP piping and hauling as well as placing and filling 1332 cy less fill material.

Plan IT Networks, a telephone and Internet access service, will lease office space in Building 51 for a 10-month period as will Primi Corp, a food service company.

After public comments, the commissioners authorized a closed session to discuss the status of negotiations with prospective tenants/purchasers of Standard Tank, the development of a cruise port, Fidelco, prospective future tenants and personnel matters.

The next BLRA Board of Commissioners meeting will be held at Bayonne City Hall, 630 Avenue C, Council Chambers, on Thursday, December 16, 2004 at 6 p.m. The meetings are also broadcasted live on Bayonne's Government Access channel 78, Bay-TV.

Meetings are rebroadcast for the benefit of those who missed the live meetings. A public notice for these meetings is posted in *The Jersey Journal*. Meeting dates can also be found online at [www.bayonnenj.org/blra](http://www.bayonnenj.org/blra). Please call (201) 823-0333 for additional information.

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