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**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN  
RELOCATION SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE  
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

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**MINUTES**

*October-18-2005*

**Present**

J. ROBINSON  
G. DALEY  
J. ALEXANDER  
J. MAKROGIANIS  
P. BUSARI  
J. TINE  
M. LONG  
J. FORTUNA  
S. GIONFRIDDO  
F. GANGULI  
S. SHAPIRO  
W. DREAHER  
L. RUSSO  
H. NOVICKI

**Absent**

R. SANTANGELO

**Also Present**

W. WARNER  
M. WACKERS  
L. BREWSTER  
E. HOLLOMAN  
J. KOVNER  
L. SIEGLE  
M. EASTER  
R. GEORGE  
M. EASTER  
S. ASANOWICZ  
M. CHERRY  
E. FLOOR  
T. FLOOD  
B. KILGORE  
R. ROSENTHAL

John Tine called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM.

Stephen Gionfriddo motioned to approve the minutes. Stephen Shapiro seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

First item on the agenda was the public hear to hear comments on the Miller/Bridge redevelopment area. Michiel Wackers summarized the letter sent out to the residents and property owners located in the Miller/Bridge redevelopment area. Bill Warner summarized the resolution that the Common Council approved that created the redevelopment area, the progress made since approval and the funding issues that current affect the project.

The Redevelopment Agency then opened the floor for the public and the agency to comment. Residents and property owners listed the need for a stoplight to create a safer ingress/egress at Route 9 and Bridge Street. The residents reported that a city school bus had been hit at this crossing. The public asked that the railroad crossing be opened to vehicle traffic. They expressed frustration at living in an area that is not treated as a part of Middletown, while the adjacent Portland Street is treated as a part of downtown. Property owners questioned the wisdom of maintain properties if they would be acquired by the City in the near future. Some residents complained about absentee landlords not maintain properties properly and increases in rent. Residents expressed their frustration at being told a neighborhood is not adequate for people to live in but the City continues to allow the residents to stay there. Property owners felt that in 1998 their properties were effectively taken off the market. Residents requested road signs indicating that Miller and Bridge Streets were dead-ends. Residents were fed up with criminal activity and openly acknowledged that they no longer called for police assistance or to report unlawful activity.

The Agency thanked the public for their comments and responded by explaining that the City had a delima in that as the neighborhood improves through City actions the cost of the project increases significantly. The projected cost to complete the project is far greater than the limited resources the City has access to. The Agency did feel that the City continues to have an obligation to implement the Miller/Bridge

redevelopment plan, because the issues of access and isolation from the rest of the City will never be resolved.

Second item on the agenda is an update on the North End Redevelopment project. Bill Warner reported that the City and the developer were ready to sign the Preferred Developer's Agreement, and that it would likely be that week. Michiel Wackers reported the Broad Park would present their progress at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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Michiel Wackers, Deputy Director of Planning, Conservation & Development