

# Economic Development Committee

Borough of Hawthorne, New Jersey

Municipal Building

445 Lafayette Avenue

Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506

## Meeting Minutes: March 23, 2011

### Attendance:

Carl Schmidt, Chairman	Present
Frank Coppola	Absent
Victor Terraglia	Present
Barbara Zakur	Present
Councilman John Lane, Council & Chamber Rep	Present
Mayor Richard Goldberg	Present

### Agenda Items:

#### 1. Mayor Goldberg Discussion:

- a. Committee appointment: Mayor Goldberg has appointed Barbara Zakur to the EDC. Welcome aboard Barbara!
- b. Brownfields: The Brownfield Redevelopment Interagency Team (BRIT) meeting with Mayor Goldberg, Eric Maurer, Rayna Laiosa, Carl Schmidt and Deborah Hoffman has been rescheduled from April 7 to May 5 in Lawrenceville.
- c. The mayor reported on a meeting with a commercial developer regarding the Pan Chemical and 55 Westervelt sites; continuing dialog with the owner regarding the Merck site; and potential property acquisition by one of the borough's auto dealerships.

#### 2. Councilman Lane Discussion:

- a. Councilman Lane provided an update on the zoning change for lower Lafayette Ave. from O-1 to B-1.
- b. The committee discussed the zoning change and the fact that it supports the Transit Oriented Development objective of retail mixed use. Additional discussion centered on the match up of specific Transit Village recommended uses to the borough's B-1 allowable uses. The committee concluded that the allowable uses for the B-1 zoning change could be revised if so desired.

#### 3. Downtown Revitalization:

Transit Village: A meeting with the Passaic County Planning Department is scheduled for March 25 to establish a firm schedule for the Visioning Process meetings that were previously planned to begin in late March. As soon as the county provides available dates for the Visioning Meetings, the meetings will be scheduled and publicized.

Frank Coppola is leading the formation of the public stakeholder group and John Lane is leading the formation of the property/business owner stakeholder group. Stakeholders will be contacted once the county is able to line up the dates for the

Visioning Meetings.

4. New Business:
  - a. None.

CJ Schmidt 3-26-2011