

# Economic Development Committee

Borough of Hawthorne, New Jersey  
Municipal Building  
445 Lafayette Avenue  
Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506

## Meeting Minutes: June 22, 2011

### Attendance:

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

### Agenda Items:

#### 1. Mayor Goldberg Discussion:

- a. The owner of a vacant industrial property and building has initiated and inquiry with the mayor regarding demolition and construction of housing units on the site. Further discussion will take place regarding feasibility.
- b. The 55 Westervelt Ave property has a potential developer for the site and would develop the site in accordance with the current proposed plans. Further negotiations with the property owner and developer will take place.
- c. Redevelopment plans for the former Merck site are progressing per the current property owner with the prospects for a proposed use close at hand.
- d. The new lower Goffle Road Dunkin Donuts franchise owner met with the mayor and several EDC members to introduce himself and discuss his grand opening.

#### 2. Downtown Revitalization and Transit Village/Visioning:

- a. A public visioning meeting was conducted by the Passaic County Planning Department on June 8<sup>th</sup> in the Council room. The visioning process consisted of the selection of picture (visual) preferences for selected sections of the lower part of the borough covering streetscape, river front, building architecture, vehicle/pedestrian access and open space aspects related to transit oriented development and general redevelopment. Approximately 70 people attended the session.

The Passaic County Planning Department will schedule subsequent visioning meetings with the borough as their schedule permits. The next meeting or two will probably cover additional section(s) of the lower portion of the borough and feedback on the first visioning session. Details on the visioning meetings will be publicized as soon as the county planning department firms up plans.

#### 3. New Business:

- a. None.