

Economic Development Committee

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

Meeting Minutes: August 24, 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	Absent

Agenda Items:

1. Mayor Goldberg Discussion:
 - a. Barbara Zakur reported for that mayor that the contract papers for the proposed supermarket on the Merck site are now back with the Bedran Group for review.

2. Downtown Revitalization and Transit Village/Visioning:
 - a. The EDC met with Michael LaPlace and Michael Lysicatos from the Passaic County Planning Department on 8/4 to discuss the Wagaraw Rd zoning ordinance pertaining to the Merck – Bedran property and to plan for the next visioning meeting. The county will make planning recommendations back to the borough for the Merck property. The next visioning meeting will include feedback from the prior visioning meeting and will have visual preference testing for Lafayette and Diamond Bridge. The county would like to use the library meeting room rather than borough hall for the next meeting so that meeting attendees can sit at tables and draw on maps. Barbara Zakur will coordinate scheduling and meeting room arrangements between the library and the County Planning Department as the library meeting room has limited availability and often needs to be scheduled many weeks in advance.

The discontinuance of state Transit Village funding was discussed between the EDC and the county. It was agreed to put Hawthorne’s transit village study and county support on hold until further information becomes available regarding the long term fate of the Transit Village program and availability of funding/grants in 2013 and beyond.

3. Goffle Road Zoning:
 - a. Mayor Goldberg asked the EDC to review the Goffle Road existing use and current zoning east of Route 208 to the Wyckoff/Ridgewood border and recommend appropriate zoning changes. Carl Schmidt reported that the north side of Goffle is

zoned Industrial and the south side of Goffle is zoned Residential while the existing use on the south side of Goffle is predominately commercial and the north side of Goffle is all commercial. Barbara Zakur and Carl Schmidt will review the area in more detail and recommend any changes to the Mayor.

4. New Business:
 - a. Victor Terraglia will finalize the content for the welcome and information kit for new businesses and residents.
 - b. Frank Coppola will investigate serving as formal liaison to the Chamber of Commerce.

CJ Schmidt 8-31-2011