

# Economic Development Committee

Borough of Hawthorne, New Jersey

Municipal Building

445 Lafayette Avenue

Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506

## Meeting Minutes: August 18, 2010

### Attendance:

Carl Schmidt, Chairman	Present
Frank Coppola	Present
Daniel Dailey	Present
Evangeline Gomez	Present
Anthony Spanedda	Present
Victor Terraglia	Present
Councilman John Lane, Council & Chamber Rep	Present
Mayor Richard Goldberg (optional)	Present

### Agenda Items:

1. Mayor Goldberg Discussion:  
Mayor Goldberg reported that a brownfield contamination preliminary assessment was completed and based on the findings the Pyrolac site in a re-developable status. The mayor also reported that there is another NJ Transit meeting in two weeks to discuss the Pan Chemical site plans.
2. VRA Train Station Status:  
The EDC members will purchase a VRA brick paver for the station. Tony Spanedda will draft the EDC inscription for the paver. EDC members will bring a \$25 check to the September 8, 2010 EDC meeting made out to the Volunteer Railroaders Association.
3. Downtown Revitalization:
  - a. New Grant Opportunities – Carl Schmidt and John Lane reported on the July 23 meeting with the NJDOT Transit Village representatives. The conclusion of the meeting was the Transit Village representatives recommended that Hawthorne apply for the NJDOT Transit Village Designation. A subsequent meeting with NJ Transit has been scheduled to discuss Transit Village planning considerations for the Main Line Station area. Initial discussions are also underway with professional planning firms to discuss an RFP for a Transit Village plan.
  - b. Sign Ordinance – Victor Terraglia reported that work on the sign ordinance recommendations is progressing and Victor will update the EDC on progress at the next meeting.
4. Vacant Property Sub-committee
  - a. Shopper Survey – Evangeline Gomez, along with Frank Coppola and Dan Dailey, reported on the shopper survey plans. The survey will be ready to go for the

September 3, 2010 start date and will run through Hawthorne Day on October 2, 2010. The survey will be available on the borough web site and various public places and events. Frank Coppola is also firming up plans for volunteer canvassers. Announcement of the survey will be through the council meeting administrative agenda, press releases, the borough web site, and the borough's televised public access bulleting board.

5. New Business - None

CJ Schmidt 8-23-2010