

# Economic Development Committee

Borough of Hawthorne, New Jersey

Municipal Building

445 Lafayette Avenue

Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506

## Meeting Minutes: January 19, 2011

### Attendance:

Carl Schmidt, Chairman	Present
Frank Coppola	Present
Evangeline Gomez	Present
Victor Terraglia	Present
Councilman John Lane, Council & Chamber Rep	Present
Mayor Richard Goldberg	Present

### Agenda Items:

#### 1. Mayor Goldberg Discussion:

- a. Brownfields: In December Mayor Goldberg assigned economic development responsibility for certain brownfields sites to the EDC. In January the EDC prepared a letter to Mr. Alan Miller, NJ DCA Brownfield Program Manager, requesting a meeting with the appropriate Brownfield Redevelopment Interagency Team (BRIT) representative(s) to discuss the borough's options concerning redevelopment of three brownfield properties to get the full insight of the BRIT in regard to clean up, best use redevelopment, grants/loans, and public acquisition options. Mr. Miller contacted the mayor and he arranged for Mr. Miller to visit Hawthorne on January 27 and for Hawthorne to attend a BRIT meeting on March 3 in Lawrenceville.
- b. The mayor reported that he is meeting with a Wagaraw Rd. property owner to continue discussions on economic development.
- c. The mayor reported that the Borough Council Ordinance Committee is studying a change of zoning to B-1 for the length of Lafayette Ave from Wagaraw Rd to Goffle Rd.

#### 2. Downtown Revitalization:

- a. Transit Village: As part of the Transit Village study to determine the borough's priorities and opportunities a visioning process proposed by the Passaic County Planning Department will be held over a series of four meetings, three of which will be open to the public. In preparation for the meeting the county will conduct a work session with borough officials on January 26 to explain the visioning process and answer any questions.  
The upcoming visioning meetings will be held in a suitable venue, possibly the library meeting room, and will be moderated by the Passaic County Planning Department. The county will provide available dates so that the meetings can be scheduled and

publicized. Carl Schmidt will coordinate the scheduling and meeting arrangements with the county.

A public stakeholder group will be formed to provide a general public point of view for the visioning process. Frank Coppola will lead the formation of the public stakeholder group.

A property/business owner stakeholder group will be formed to provide their point of view for the visioning process. John Lane will lead the formation of the property/business owner stakeholder group.

- b. Design Review Committee: Victor Terraglia wrapped up discussions on the design review committee concept with the proposal that the EDC assume the design committee role for new developments as the first step before a proposed development goes before the Planning Board. Recommendations made by the design committee would be non-binding. The EDC voted to adopt Victor's recommendation.

3. Vacant Properties:

- a. Contacts: Dan Dailey corresponded with the EDC via email that he will continue discussions with a representative from Panera Bread to determine if Hawthorne would be a suitable location for Panera.

4. New Business:

- a. The EDC voted to change the EDC meeting date to the fourth Wednesday of the month at 4:30pm. The meeting change will be effective as of March 23, 2011.
- b. The EDC voted to eliminate vacant property sub-committee.

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