

HUNTERDON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Minutes - July 3, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dana Desiderio, Carol Hoffmann, Page Stiger, Tom Kacedon, Ken Novak, Phil Greiner, Andrew Borkin, Jim Martin, Freeholder Lagay and Freeholder King

ABSENT: Elaine Niemann, Freeholder Lanza

STAFF PRESENT: Sue Dziamara, Ken Bogen, Bill Millette, Rick Steffey, Adam Bradford, Josie Glynn
Michelle Nodes, Assistant County Counsel

Chair, Dana Desiderio read the Open Public Meetings Act notice and called the meeting to order at 8:34 A.M.

"This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice has been provided by prominently posting and maintaining so posted throughout the year in the Office of the County Clerk, Hall of Records, Main Street, Flemington, New Jersey, a public place reserved for such announcements, and by mailing on January 10, 2014 to the Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Express-Times, and The Courier News, newspapers designated by the Hunterdon County Planning Board to receive such notices. Notice has also been posted on-line in the Hunterdon County News"

MINUTES OF THE June 5, 2014 MEETING:

Motion to approve by Ken Novak, seconded by Andy Borkin; Motion carried
Abstain: Page Stiger

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

July 3, 2014: Ken Novak, Tom Kacedon

July 17, 2014: Phil Greiner, Carol Hoffmann

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Staff Activity Report: Staff Activity Report for June was included in the packet - no questions.

COAH Update: Meeting was well attended approximately 40 people attended. The consultants stressed what really needs to be done is to send in comments. , When you comment always state your question in the affirmative and then ask them to confirm it. We will be posting the procedures on how to comment on our website.

Sue asked that members send in what your concerns are on a municipal level. Staff will Email to all municipal partners telling them the County is going to send comments and we are asking them to copy us on any comments they send. We will also ask them to sign on to a letter that we will be sending out through the Planning Board or the Freeholder Office.

CEDS Update:

June 25 - Executive/Strategy Committee meeting - Work Session III - The committee broke into 3 groups each taking 2 of the goals previously identified; went over the goals, projects, timelines, partners. We will have a team meeting with the consultants in a few weeks to go over the initial draft. Then on July 28, the Draft Report will be presented to the Executive Committee. In September we will have a Public meeting to present the Draft Report. It was clarified that the priorities stated in the CEDS report will be general in nature, not municipality specific.

In the past, many municipalities have worked to keep development and families out; we have done a good job – it is now time to reconsider that position. Taxes are increasing and, it may be time to consider a change in philosophy.

Sue thanked Freeholders King and Lagay for their support.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Carol Hoffmann reminded everyone of the Museum Tours on the 13th and 20th of July. Every museum in Hunterdon County will be participating.

The United Way conducts Board Development classes that are available to PB members (handout); the cost (\$35) will be paid by our office. Roles & Responsibilities and Governance would be appropriate and especially interesting. Sue also suggested and will discuss with the chair a "Board Retreat". Perhaps we could meet up at Echo Hill in August instead of a regular meeting. This would be a chance to discuss where we are going and what

we want to do as a Board.

The Flemington Ag Fair is going to be August 20-24. We will come up with a gimmick to get people to come to our booth. A schedule will be sent out to get volunteers to man the booth.

Municipal Planning Board Updates: There are a few meetings still in progress. A suggestion was made to look into varying the times for the breakfast talks. Perhaps have some of them in the evening and afternoons, not just morning meetings. Alexandria Twp and Lebanon Twp were visited; COAH was the main topic in Alexandria.

Planning Awards Update:

We will meet on August 17th to review the nominations we have received so far (approximately 19; 9 planning and 10, Cultural & Heritage). Staff will be starting to work on invitations, press releases, etc. Currently on the awards committee we have Dana, Carol and Elaine. Sue asked for a few more volunteers involved in the selection committee - Phil will be here on the 17th for DRC so he volunteered to stay for the Awards meeting. Andy also volunteered for the Executive Committee. Monday, September 29 is the official date, all are expected to attend!

FREEHOLDER REPORT:

The budget was passed this past week and we are busy with the CEDS effort. CEDS will be a policy changing event and a radical move for Hunterdon County. It will provide an opportunity for the Planning Board to take proactive role in prioritizing projects. The anticipated Open Space tax is approximately \$6.2M and new Finance Director will begin shortly.

The Cultural and Heritage Commission is now advertising for an Executive Director and looking forward to a move to the Historic Courthouse on Main Street, Flemington.

There was no further business to be brought before the Board. Page Stiger made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Andy Borkin seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

NEXT MEETING DATE: No regular meeting in August - Next meeting date September 4, 2014

Josie Glynn for Secretary, Page Stiger