

HUNTERDON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Minutes - June 5, 2014

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

ABSENT: Page Stiger, John 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 8:31 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 May 1, 2014 MEETING:

Motion to approve by Ken Novak, seconded by Jim Martin; Motion carried
Abstain: Carol Hoffmann

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

June 5, 2014: Carol Hoffmann, Tom Kacedon

June 19, 2014: Ken Novak, Phil Greiner

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

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

RVRC Survey Update: Approximately 2100 students from Hunterdon County attend Raritan Valley Community College. We received responses from 244 students. This survey will be folded into the CEDS report.

CEDS Update:

Municipal CEDS briefing (Developer's Meeting) was held on May 5th - with approximately 60 attendees. This was to give the municipal representatives an idea of how Hunterdon County is perceived by developers, and to try and find out what some of the issues are relative to that. Freeholder Lagay felt it was a very positive and productive exchange.

May 13 - Work Session I - Executive/Strategy Committee meeting working on the goals and mission statement.

May 28th - work session II – Continued the efforts of Work Session 1

June 18 - Public Meeting - CANCELLED

June 25 - 6-8PM - Executive/Strategy Committee meeting - Work Session III – finalize G&O and work on project list

July 23, 8PM - Route 12 Assembly Room - Draft Report Presentation to Executive Committee

September - Public meeting to present Draft Report

Freeholder King and Frank Bell attended a meeting in Milford for the Citizens Advisory Group where the EPA, the contractor, NJDEP and 2 owners of Georgia Pacific informed the people of Milford of the clean-up progress of the paper mill site and the adjacent properties. Until that meeting the group did not understand how long it would actually take for the clean-up process - It appears it will be 4-5 years. The owners and EPA are now in the process of defining the plan for the facility as far as its remediation, and then they have to go to engineering for site design. It was also made clear that the buildings are not the responsibility of the EPA to remove them. Milford is now at the point where they need to figure out what the next steps are and hopefully the county can help facilitate.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Municipal Planning Board Updates: Meetings are still in progress.

Planning Awards Update:

Rick handed out a list with all the nominations we have received to date, approximately 17. We are light on the Youth nominations, which are what drives attendance, along with the arts nominations. Rick suggested either re-opening or extending the nominations for the certain categories where we need more applications. Also, perhaps moving the date of the Awards Event. It was agreed not to move the date of the Awards; it is the 300th year and we should do it this year. We need to move forward and fill in where we are lacking in nominations. The Board will reach out to get more nominations before the next Planning Board meeting.

Kingwood LDP:

Elaine reported that the consultants have done a very good job. They have had several meetings with property owners, which have gone very well. They also had a collaborative meeting with a variety of state agencies (DPA, DOT, AG people, OPA) - which also went very well. They had great suggestions to help Kingwood facilitate their next steps which involves getting funding to evaluate their wastewater situation.

Septic failures and regulations was suggested as a potential breakfast topic.

Cultural & Heritage: Freeholder Lagay, Lora Jones and Sue will be going to the State this afternoon to discuss the New Jersey State Council of the Arts grant we have applied for. We are trying to make sure we can build our case to get a few more dollars than we have in the past. We have also applied for a LASI (Local Arts Staffing Initiative) grant which would allow us to hire an Arts Coordinator; the State would pay 100% of salary for the 1st year, 60% the second year and 40% the 3rd year. We have also started advertising for the C&H Executive Director. We have received 5 resumes at this point and will be looking to start the interview process.

FREEHOLDER REPORT:

Freeholder King said the budget has been introduced. The budget is flat. Our new CFO will be starting on July 7th. He also said we are no longer looking for candidates for a County Administrator. The process became stale and they were not getting any qualified candidates. The Board is considering whether or not we may want to have a County Administrator. Organizationally the county is coming along well. Departments are being staffed up dramatically and we are looking at space utilization.

Phil Greiner commented that in his role on the Flemington Borough's council, he has spent time delving into financial records. He congratulated the county for out-performing other districts and municipalities on the way they have kept a lid on things and the debt that has been paid off.

There was no further business to be brought before the Board Ken Novak made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Phil Greiner seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

NEXT MEETING DATE: July 3, 2014, 8:30 AM

Josie Glynn for Secretary, Page Stiger