

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robertson called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m. at which time he read the following open public meeting statement:

II. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

“The annual schedule of this meeting has been given to The Courier-News and The Star Ledger. In addition, a copy of the notice is posted in the City Clerk’s office, the Planning Division office and the City’s website in accordance to the regulations of the Open Public Meetings Act, 10:4-6 et seq.
This is a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.”

III. ROLL CALL

Name	Jan 19 reorg	Feb 2	Feb 16	Mar 1	Mar 15	Apr 5	Apr 19	May 3	May 17	Jun 7	Jun 21	Term Expires
Ken Robertson, Chariman	P	P										4 years (12/31/2012)
Ron Scott Bey, Vice Chairman	P	P										4 years (12/31/2012)
Horace Baldwin	P	P										4 years (12/31/2013)
William Toth	P	P										4 years (12/31/2015)
Gordon Fuller	P	P										4 years (12/31/2014)
Sidney Jackson	P	P										4 years (12/31/2013)
Mayor Sharon Robinson-Briggs Barbara James (Designee)	P	P										Term of Mayor 4 years (12/31/2013)
Sgt. James Abney	-	P										1 year (12/31/2012)
Councilman William Reid	P	8:11p										1 year (12/31/2012)
Willie B. Faulks, Jr., Alternate No.1	-	P										2 years (12/31/2014)
Sandra Chambers, Alternate No.2	P	E										2 years (12/31/2013)
TOTAL ATTENDANCE	9	9										

A-Absent: E – Excused: Not appointed yet (-)

IV. OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Name	Affiliation
Michele Donato, Esq.	Board Attorney
Bill Nierstedt	Staff, Planning Director
Rosalind Miller	Board Secretary

V. **MINUTES** – On a motion by Gordon Fuller and seconded by Vice Chairman Scott Bey, the Board accepted as presented the meeting minutes of December 1, 2011 and December 15, 2011 by voice vote among members eligible to vote.

VI. **RESOLUTION(S) (Memorialization)** - none

VII. **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION(S)** – none

VIII. **OLD BUSINESS** - none

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IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Chairman Robertson made an introduction to Chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustment Alex Ruiz. The board welcomed the visit of Mr. Ruiz to this meeting. Chairman Robertson addressed one of the 2012 goal is to schedule a joint meeting with members of the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment and Historic Preservation Commission. He recalled in the past the joint meetings held they addressed concerns and suggestions of each board.
2. Subcommittees - Chairman Robertson talked about continuing discussion regarding the ongoing process to amend the Land Use Ordinance. He asked that committee members Scott Bey, Jackson and Chambers meet to work on the Land Use Ordinance process. He asked Board Member Fuller to work with the City's Principal Planner Bauman and himself on the CIP process.
3. Discussion on TODN – Chairman Robertson reported on a meeting with Board member Baldwin and Board member Toth and Planning Director Nierstedt and drafted an outline of the TODN. They met earlier that day at 4:00 p.m. Board Member Fuller asked if the number of stories was finalized. The Committee agreed on the number of stories to be four and no higher. The committee plan to meet again next week.
4. FY2011 NJDOT Trust Fund Resurfacing of Watchung Avenue (Phase III) - City Planner Nierstedt reported that City Engineer Jackie Foushee, of Remington & Vernick met with the Historic Preservation Commission. He reported on recommendations made by the HPC regarding the historic district of Watchung Avenue and that both sides of the streets comply with the historic district standards.
-Colonial Circle – City Planner Nierstedt reported that the deed indicated a private roadway, but further research of a survey is to be sought in Union County, if Colonial Circle was created a minor or major subdivision. Councilman Reid questioned if private road could they contract with city and reimbursement to the city and inform the group. City Planner reported in regards to a Project off of West Seventh Street (Shiloh Court) and said it has been constructed according to city standards; Spooner Court, off of Spooner Avenue, also a private developer, private street and built according to city standards. He said private homeowners are seeking city to accept roadway; Renaissance II off of West Seventh Street and Colonial Circle are private roadways, but were not constructed according to city standards. Board Attorney Donato stated the statute regarding the “Community Services Act” a technically common ownership community of property owners that own the roadway which is a cross easement.
-Chairman Robertson announced that the next meeting he is seeking 2012 up-to-date budget information on the CIP, if any council action, check with the Municipal Clerk for the latest roadway report. Councilman Reid made a suggestion in regards filling of cracks/coating of roadways if listed in the latest report. Chairman Robertson made comment regarding proof of saving monies shown in the final roadway report.
5. City Planner Nierstedt reported on decisions of the Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting as follows, 913-919 East Seventh Street the zoning board denied the application for child care facility; a skateboard park proposal coming before the board, Department new letterhead/business cards; council to advance Community Rating System (CRS), flood zone/studies defined by railroad tracks, East Seventh Street, to Central Street, to Franklin Place; Brownfield site at Lee Place was granted tank removal city received \$200,000 dollar grant for cleanup site. Also, he reported that he attended a Community meeting at the South Second Youth Center on South Second Street. In addition, he received some complaints regarding PSE&G is removing tree branches from their wires, but decimating trees in the process. He said the issue rose due to a widespread of power outages. He asked that Superintendent of Public Works be contacted, if trees are being cut down by the company “Nelson”. Board Member Jackson asked if there was an ordinance. The Shade Tree Commission

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ordinance will need to make amendments. Councilman Reid asked if solar panels are benefit to the homeowners. Mayor's Designee James reported that she attended a Green Brook Flood Control Commission meeting and questioned if there is an amendment to the FEMA map. City Planner Nierstedt replied that FEMA is in the process of a flood zone line amendment. In regards to Shiloh Baptist Church, he reported that he received phones calls regarding a for sale sign, but it is not for sale for parking lot on Plainfield Avenue between 2nd & 3rd streets, which belong to Shiloh Baptist Church. The lot requires site plan approval before the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Chairman Robertson, opened the meeting for public questions and/or comments, hearing none, he entertained a motion to adjourn.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m. on a motion by Board Member Fuller, seconded by Vice Chairman Scott Bey.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalind Miller
Planning Board Secretary