

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.
Plainfield City Hall Library, 515 Watchung Avenue
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robertson called the meeting to order at 8:06 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, Chairman	P	P	P	P								4 years (12/31/2012)
Ron Scott Bey, Vice Chairman	P	P	P	E								4 years (12/31/2012)
Sgt. James Abney	-	P	8:20p	E								1 year (12/31/2012)
Horace Baldwin	P	P	P	P								4 years (12/31/2013)
Sidney Jackson	P	P	P	P								4 years (12/31/2013)
Mayor Sharon Robinson-Briggs Barbara James (Designee)	P	P	P	P								Term of Mayor 4 years (12/31/2013)
Gordon Fuller	P	P	P	P								4 years (12/31/2014)
Councilman William Reid	P	8:11p	P	E								1 year (12/31/2012)
William Toth	P	P	P	P								4 years (12/31/2015)
Willie B. Faulks, Jr., Alternate No.1	-	P	E	8:24p								2 years (12/31/2014)
Sandra Chambers, Alternate No.2	P	E	P	P								2 years (12/31/2013)
TOTAL ATTENDANCE	9	9	10	8								

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

IV. OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Name	Affiliation
Bill Nierstedt	Staff, Planning Director
Rosalind Miller	Board Secretary

V. MINUTES – On a motion by Board Member Fuller and seconded by Board Member Toth, the Board accepted the meeting minutes of February 2, 2012 as presented by voice vote among members eligible to vote.

VI. RESOLUTION(S) (Memorialization) - none

VII. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION(S) – none

VIII. OLD BUSINESS - none

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion on TODN (Transit Oriented Development-Netherwood) – Chairman Robertson reported on a meeting held recently with Jacques Howard, of the Office of Economic Development and TODN committee. There was discussion about the North Avenue corridor. Board Member Toth reported on the discussion about development initiatives for residential/TOD type development, concerns to maintain industrial areas, seek outreach program to encourage industrial, manufacturing businesses and revitalization. Board Member Fuller made comment with the beltway of industrial commercial along the railroad contributes to push away the noise factor. City Planner Nierstedt expressed concern about the Howell building on North Avenue. He reported on Mr. Howards reply regarding viewers is seeking more towards a MU Mixed Use for that structure. Mr. Nierstedt said that Mr. Howard has completed listing current businesses of every use in the North Avenue corridor from Leland Avenue to Berckman Street. He said that Mr. Howard is working on the South Avenue corridor. Mayor’s Designee James asked about the type of industrial interest. Mr. Nierstedt replied green technology type businesses are encouraged. Mr. Nierstedt gave an update on the “armory” and said the building sold over the minimum bidding. In addition, he reported that someone inquired to use the armory for 300 student child care facility. The subcommittee included the armory in the TODN zone, but currently if the use for a child care is sought, it will go before the Zoning Board of Adjustment, but if rezoned to permit a child care facility, then the application will come before the Planning Board.

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Board member Toth asked if the armory was considered to be historically preserved, or designate as a landmark as an historic building. Mr. Nierstedt replied yes, it can be individually designated as an historic site. After hearing no further discussion on the TODN, Chairman Robertson asked if there are any further comments, he asked that the committee be informed.

2. Discussion on Roadways – Chairman Robertson asked Board Secretary Miller to set up a meeting for the roadway committee members to discuss the roadways prior to the next meeting. Chairman Robertson recalls discussion in regards to connector roads/gateway roads, entirety of West Third Street, Watchung Avenue from Leland Avenue to East Seventh Street, South Avenue and the completion of Roosevelt Avenue, East Second Street and Sterling Road. Chairman Robertson gave an update on a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) meeting held to discuss the completing of years 2009, 2010 and 2011 CIP, but there are some bond issues. He reported that the City Administrator and Public Works Director are working diligently on completed and incomplete projects. Mr. Nierstedt reported that Union County will be resurfacing Park Avenue from Ninth Street to Sloane Boulevard. Chairman Robertson said in regards to funding that the roads that lead to connector roads should be look into. He asked Board Member Faulks in his travels to report of any roads that need to be discussed. Board Member Faulks stressed that East Second Street from Leland Avenue to Terrill Road is very bad.
3. CIP – Mr. Nierstedt reported that a training schedule has been drafted for Chairman Robertson review prior to sending to the department and division heads.
4. Zoning ordinance update – Board Member Jackson reported on a review of the zoning amendments, but will need to prioritize prior to the next board meeting.
5. Mr. Nierstedt reported in regards to Muhlenberg that he was made aware that on a website there was a section of a sentence that said “they had discussed with planning division”, he called them to take out that sentence. He advised the board that there was no other discussion.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. on a motion by Board Member Fuller, seconded by Board Member Faulks.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalind Miller
Planning Board Secretary
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