

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robertson called the meeting to order at 8:05 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	P							4 years (12/31/2012)
Ron Scott Bey, Vice Chairman	P	P	P	E	P							4 years (12/31/2012)
Sgt. James Abney	-	P	8:20p	E	E							1 year (12/31/2012)
Horace Baldwin	P	P	P	P	P							4 years (12/31/2013)
Gordon Fuller	P	P	P	P	P							4 years (12/31/2014)
Sidney Jackson	P	P	P	P	E							4 years (12/31/2013)
Mayor Sharon Robinson-Briggs Barbara James (Designee)	P	P	P	P	P							Term of Mayor 4 years (12/31/2013)
Councilman William Reid	P	8:11p	P	E	P							1 year (12/31/2012)
William Toth	P	P	P	P	P							4 years (12/31/2015)
Willie B. Faulks, Jr., Alternate No.1	-	P	E	8:24p	E							2 years (12/31/2014)
Sandra Chambers, Alternate No.2	P	E	P	P	E							2 years (12/31/2013)
TOTAL ATTENDANCE	9	9	10	8	7							

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 Board Member Fuller and seconded by Vice Chairman Scott Bey, the Board accepted the meeting minutes of February 16, 2012 as presented by voice vote among members eligible to vote.

VI. RESOLUTION(S) (Memorialization)s

1. Capital Project Review – Resurfacing of Watchung Avenue FY2011 NJDOT Trust Fund - Chairman Robertson asked if the board had any questions/comments regarding the resolution. Hearing none, he entertained a motion. On a motion by Councilman Reid and seconded by Board Member Fuller, the board voted as follows granting a Capital Project Review for the Resurfacing of Watchung Avenue as written.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Memorialization
Ken Robertson, Chairman	✓			
Ron Scott Bey, Vice Chairman	✓			
James Abney, Sgt.				
Horace Baldwin	✓			
Gordon Fuller	✓			
Sidney Jackson				
Barbara James, Mayor’s Designee	✓			
William Reid, Councilman	✓			
William Toth	✓			
Willie Faulks, Alternate #1				
Sandra Chambers, Alternate #2				

Seven Members in favor. None opposed. One abstained.

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2. Capital Project Review – Plainfield Board of Education, Barlow Elementary School - Chairman Robertson asked if the board had any questions/comments regarding the resolution. Hearing none, he entertained a motion. On a motion by Councilman Reid and seconded by Board Member Fuller, the board voted as follows granting a Capital Project Review for the Plainfield Board of Education for Barlow Elementary School for expansion of the cafetorium to seat 225 students for lunch and 450 students in an auditorium as written.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Memorialization
Ken Robertson, Chairman	✓			
Ron Scott Bey, Vice Chairman	✓			
James Abney, Sgt.				
Horace Baldwin	✓			
Gordon Fuller	✓			
Sidney Jackson				
Barbara James, Mayor's Designee	✓			
William Reid, Councilman	✓			
William Toth	✓			
Willie Faulks, Alternate #1				
Sandra Chambers, Alternate #2				

Seven Members in favor. None opposed. One abstained.

3. Capital Project Review – Plainfield Board of Education, Woodland Elementary School - Chairman Robertson asked if the board had any questions/comments regarding the resolution. Hearing none, he entertained a motion. On a motion by Vice Chairman Scott Bey and seconded by Councilman Reid, the board voted as follows granting a Capital Project Review for the Plainfield Board of Education for Woodland Elementary School for expansion of the cafetorium to seat 225 students for lunch and 450 students in an auditorium as written.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Memorialization
Ken Robertson, Chairman	✓			
Ron Scott Bey, Vice Chairman	✓			
James Abney, Sgt.				
Horace Baldwin	✓			
Gordon Fuller	✓			
Sidney Jackson				
Barbara James, Mayor's Designee	✓			
William Reid, Councilman	✓			
William Toth	✓			
Willie Faulks, Alternate #1				
Sandra Chambers, Alternate #2				

Seven Members in favor. None opposed. One abstained.

4. Van Wyck Brooks Historic District Reporting on Encroachment into the Public Right of Way for Installation of Signage throughout the District - Chairman Robertson asked if the board had any questions/comments regarding the resolution. Hearing none, he entertained a motion. On a motion by Board Member Toth and seconded by Board Member Baldwin, the board voted as follows granting Encroachment into the Public Right of Way for Installation of Signage throughout the Van Wyck Brooks Historic District as submitted.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Memorialization
Ken Robertson, Chairman	✓			
Ron Scott Bey, Vice Chairman	✓			
James Abney, Sgt.				
Horace Baldwin	✓			
Gordon Fuller	✓			
Sidney Jackson				
Barbara James, Mayor's Designee	✓			
William Reid, Councilman	✓			
William Toth	✓			
Willie Faulks, Alternate #1				
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VII. **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION(S)** – none

VIII. **OLD BUSINESS** – Chairman Robertson announced the scheduled date of the joint meeting which is to be held on Saturday March 24, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon at City Hall Library.

1. TODN (Transit Oriented Development-Netherwood) Committee Report – Chairman Robertson reported on a meeting held recently with TODN committee. Board Member Toth reported on the discussion in regards to four (4) separate districts including the Netherwood train station, bulk standards, density and different uses for each of the districts. Board Member Baldwin reported on discussion in regards to future uses and made a suggestion to view potential buyers, attract development, and maintain a sustainability community and help build up the areas. Chairman Robertson made comment that they will continue to meet and define the uses within the framework of each zone with some similarity to the TODD (Transit Oriented Development-Downtown) zone. 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. Roadway Committee Report – Board member Fuller reported on a meeting with staff to discuss the intensity of the roadways and importance to the community. Chairman Robertson talked about improved data of roadways, sorted by different categories and identifies arterial and connector roads on a spreadsheet. Board Member James reported there are still many complaints about the roads from citizens. City Planner Nierstedt reported on work that could be done, but without a new bond work cannot advance to new roadways. Councilman Reid reported that the City Engineer appeared before the council and distributed a listing of roadways to be done. Chairman Robertson expressed concern in regards to the process. In regards to the roadways, he talked about the connector roads and to add the small streets that connect to the major thoroughfares to save money. After hearing no further discussion, he recommended that the city engineer attend the next meeting for discussion.
3. CIP (Capital Improvement Program) Committee Report – Chairman Robertson reported on FY2012 and TY ½ year spreadsheet and if board members have that spreadsheet to review prior to a scheduled meeting for training. City Planner Nierstedt reported that a training scheduled has been drafted for review. Chairman Robertson reported on the city charter and that the board should have a capital budget to City Council 90 days before the end of the fiscal year 1st of October 1 for year 2013 budget.
4. Zoning Ordinance Committee Report– Vice Chairman Scott Bey reported on a recent meeting with Board Member Chambers and City Planner Nierstedt to discuss definitions including hours of operation. Board Attorney advised the board those hours of operation is not a land use function, but a general police power regulation. After hearing no further discussion, the board will continue discussion at their next meeting.
5. By-Laws Committee Report – Board Member Baldwin reported that he made some notes electronically. Board Attorney Donato reported that she also made some changes. She will forward to Board Member Baldwin.
6. City Planner Nierstedt reported on the 1) Armory which was purchased slightly above the asking price. He said that the buyer currently has three child care facilities proposing to consolidate. He said currently, the Armory is in the R-3 Low Moderate Density zone which does not permit a child care facility. If rezoning occurs to permit a child care facility the proposal will come before the Planning Board. He reported nothing has been submitted. He thanked Maria Pellum for providing a public document on community needs analysis a 50 page document discussion “the need for the lack thereof”: 2) Muhlenberg Hospital – City Planner Nierstedt asked if board members should attend meetings held by Solaris. He reported that no applications/documentations were submitted to the Planning Division office. Board Attorney Donato advised the board should not attend. He said that in the 2012 capital budget there is \$50,000 to review Muhlenberg Tract, but nothing has been done: 3) Plainfield Board of Education, Hub Stine Field Renovation-Mr. Nierstedt advised Gary Ottman to inform the public of the renovation at the board of education upcoming meeting: 4) Base maps (zoning maps, flood plain maps that were done prior to 1998 do not reflect current subdivisions, lot mergers etc. He said that the County reported on the city has the most updated maps in the county: 5) 2010 Census Committee is working on the June 2013 Census-Corporation Counsel Williamson, Tax Collector, Tax Assessor, Housing Authority, PMUA, Plainfield Board of Education and YMCA.

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IX. NEW BUSINESS

7. Board Secretary Miller reported on financial disclosure statements. She asked that signed forms are to be returned to her prior to the April 30th deadline.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m. on a motion by Vice Chairman Scott Bey, seconded by Board Member Fuller.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalind Miller
Planning Board Secretary
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