

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robertson called the meeting to order at 8:26 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 duly noted in 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	P	P	--	P			4 years (12/31/2012)
Ron Scott Bey, Vice Chairman	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	--	E			4 years (12/31/2012)
Sgt. James Abney	-		8:20 p	E	E	P	E	--	E			1 year (12/31/2012)
Horace Baldwin	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	--	P			4 years (12/31/2013)
Gordon Fuller	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	--	E			4 years (12/31/2014)
Sidney Jackson	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	--	P			4 years (12/31/2013)
Mayor Sharon Robinson-Briggs Barbara James (Designee)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	--	P			Term of Mayor 4 years (12/31/2013)
Councilman William Reid	P	8:11 p	P	E	P	E	E	--	E			1 year (12/31/2012)
William Toth	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	--	P			4 years (12/31/2015)
Willie B. Faulks, Jr., Alternate No.1	-	P	E	8:24 p	E	E	E	--	P			2 years (12/31/2014)
Sandra Chambers, Alternate No.2	P	E	P	P	E	E	P	--	P			2 years (12/31/2013)
TOTAL ATTENDANCE	9	9	10	8	7	7	6	--	7			

A-Absent: E - Excused: No meeting (--): Vacancy (V)

IV. OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

V. MINUTES –none

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

VII. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION(S) – Chairman Robertson announced that the applicant, McDonald's USA, LLC, 1273-1297 & 1247-1271 South Avenue (PB-11-21) requested to be carried to June 21, 2012. The board carried the application to their June 21, 2012.

City Planner Nierstedt reported that the Plainfield Board of Education, Hub Stine Field did not address drainage issue. He said that they also, request to be heard at the board's next meeting. Chairman Robertson carried this capital project review to their June 7, 2012 meeting.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS –none

1. CAPITAL PROJECT REVIEW – 2012 Road Improvement Program – City Engineer, of Remington & Vernick Jackie Foushee made a presentation regarding the 2012 road improvement program. Ms. Foushee said of Contract 2 drawings of Fredrick Street, Jean Terrace, Oxford Avenue, Sterling Street, Belleview Court, Cushing Road, Buttfild and Sheridan Avenue are 95 % complete and contracts 1, 3, and 4 will be before the

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- board prior to advertisement. She talked about the contracts are based on location of the roadways. She said that Sheridan Avenue has great trees and so the design will be to move the curb line so the trees will not be affected or damaged. She said for every tree removal, two trees will be planted and subject to the Shade Tree Commission's approval. Board Member Baldwin expressed concern regarding the roots of mature trees causing sidewalk damage. Ms. Foushee explained that they will receive an analysis from the Landscape Architect if a tree is diseased due to over pruning or they will install a metal plate to restrict the trees growth. She talked about Arlington Avenue is listed as an alternate street. She reported that Union County is planning to pave Park Avenue and ending construction at Seventh Street. She said the city is pursuing shared services contract pending participation of some costs for both Arlington Avenue and Cedar Court roadways. If monies are unavailable they could tag on to contract 4. The board asked about total cost. Ms. Foushee replied 2.6 million including the alternate streets. She reported on the 2.6 million found by engineering staff Cynthia Smith of moneys budgeted for over 2 or 3 year period of the monies not spent. Chairman Robertson made comment on monies that have been budged, but has not been asked for and/or bonded. He said the board worked hard to stay on the right cycle in this regard. Ms. Foushee reported that DOT projects are reimbursed afterwards and some municipalities forget about that portion of the reimbursement monies. Board Attorney Donato asked about project start and completion dates. Ms. Foushee reported that they plan to advertise by June 2012, awarded in July 2012, start construction August 2012 and complete by November 15, 2012 a state requirement cutoff date for construction. She reported on contract 4 to be extended to spring 2013.
- City Planner Nierstedt Nierstedt asked about the status of Watchung Avenue and South Avenue projects. Ms. Foushee replied that Watchung Avenue is under construction in week 3 which started at Leland Avenue and are working towards Woodland Avenue work involved concrete curbing and some sidewalk repairs, some tree removal. In regards to South Avenue they are in week 4 work involve milling and some pulverization. She said some work delayed due to the rainy weather. In addition, she reported on some issue regarding metal wire fabric resulting in closed roadways, but they cleared out each driveway for businesses to have patrons. She said if the weather was dryer the progress would have been quicker. She said she meets every week with the businesses to keep them informed. The board primarily funded by bond monies from prior years in addition with city funds. After hearing no further comments, Chairman Robertson entertained a motion to approved contract 2.
- On a motion by the Mayor's Designee James and seconded by Board Member Baldwin, the board voted granting a Capital Improvement Project for 2012 Roadway Improvement Program Contract 2 as written.

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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. None abstained.

IX. NEW BUSINESS - none

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TODN (Transit Oriented Development-Netherwood) Committee Report – Chairman Robertson reported on a meeting held recently with TODN committee. The Board, Board Attorney Donato and City Planner Nierstedt had some discussion about the proposed TOD map and made some changes-R7 change to R8 (old South Avenue), show abbreviations legend for train station area, train side commercial and parkside residential, belvidere area. City Planner Nierstedt talked about the committee's concern regarding 1) the actual land use element that deals with the ¼ mile around the train station; and 2) the visioning study recommendations to attract more mixed use residential and more intense development within the parkside residential and in regards to Siedler Field there was concern regarding two residential dwelling within the park and questioned if they could be part of the park by way of purchase, discussion on the critical mass north of the train station. After hearing no further discussion on the TODN, Chairman Robertson asked if there are any further comments, he asked that the committee be informed.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47p.m. on a motion by Board Member Toth, seconded by Board Member Baldwin.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalind Miller
 Planning Board Secretary