

GROWTH & REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
December 14, 2010

**2011 Membership**

In addition to the four (4) annual appointments, there will be six (6) vacancies for which there are currently two (2) applicants.

It would be nice to have someone on the Board who owns a business in the Township. Councilperson Mount is going to call the Manager at the Quakerbridge Mall.

**Approval of 2011 Meeting Schedule**

The 2011 Meeting Schedule was approved unanimously.

**Other Business**

Councilwoman Mount suggested maybe some of the Growth & Redevelopment Members should attend ribbon cuttings to help promote the new business in the Township.

Robert Prunetti is the Chamber of Commerce CEO. Mayor Powers brought up a meeting he held with Mr. Prunetti in December and suggested that Mr. Prunetti attend a Growth and Redevelopment Committee meeting in January, 2011. Councilman Mount suggested asking CEO Prunetti to attend the February meeting, as well as the public, so they can hear CEO Prunetti discuss the changes and different direction the Chamber will be making.

There was a discussion regarding the changes that New Jersey Department of Transportation would like to do on Route 206 and Route 1, such as eliminating left hand turns and street lights. There was also suggestion about the possibility of a sub-committee for Route 1 and the problems with the traffic.

Councilwoman Mount was also discussing the changes being made with New Jersey Transit. They would like to upgrade the system on Route 1, expanding to train stations, Carnegie Center, hospitals. While also upgrading the bus shelter at certain stops, such as read outs to tell you when the time the bus is coming.

Kim Taylor suggested that the traffic flow at the intersection of Bakers Basin, Lawrence Station Road and Youngs Road be re-evaluated because some people travel at least 60 mph and are not aware of when someone is making a left hand turn. Since it has been repaved, more people are using it as a short cut.

**Sustainable New Jersey**

We have been re-designated as sustainable New Jersey.

Mayor Powers said that a complete streets program was considered by the Planning Board and adopted by Council for redoing streets to have a stripping for bike and lanes (starting with Bergen Street); more sidewalks be installed by developers and Bergen Street is in need of more sidewalks.

Councilwoman Mount, who is on the Green Team said it might be an idea to have two (2) students from the school be on the committee to get their input on how they get around town and about business orientation.

The next meeting will be held on January 11, 2011.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Susan Snook, Secretary  
Growth & Redevelopment Committee

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The following are the minutes of the Growth & Redevelopment Committee Meeting, which was held on Tuesday, December 14, 2010, at 7:30 p.m., in the Lawrence Township Municipal Building, Lower Level Conference Room.

**Statement of Proper Notice**

Adequate notice of the regular meeting of the Lawrence Township Growth & Redevelopment Committee has been provided by filing an annual meeting schedule with the Municipal Clerk, and by filing the agenda with the Municipal Clerk, posting prominently in the Municipal Building, and mailing to the Trenton Times, the Trentonian and the Lawrence Ledger.

The roll was called as follows at 7:35 p.m.:

Present: Chairperson Christopher Bobbitt, Vice Chairperson Ryan Kennedy, John Conroy, Lovette Love-Stevens, Michael Marion, Kim Taylor, Karen Vincent-Lavanga

Excused Absence: Cami Granahan, Charles Lavine, Tushar Patel

Absent: Elizabeth Donahue, Kenneth Kiernan, Michael Pratico, Jags Vazirani

Also Present: Andrew Link, Principal Planner/Business Advocate; Michael Powers, Council Liaison; David Donahue, Board of Education Liaison; Councilwoman Pamela Mount, and Susan Snook, Secretary

**Approval of the Minutes**

The September, 2010 minutes were unanimously approved.

**Loyalty Card Project**

Councilwoman Pamela Mount reported that to date, about 30 businesses have signed up to participate.

**Route 1 Redevelopment Committee Report**

John Conroy stated there was no new business to report.

**Business Survey**

Chairperson Bobbitt submitted a Business Survey handout, attached. There were 15 responses and Brandywine's concern was the vehicular accessibility off of Princeton Pike and I-95 and would like a bus stop installed; however, there are still bus issues where the buses do not go in the direction needed or there is no bus stop.

The other major concerns, based from the survey, were the permit process and parking spaces in commercial areas, especially in The Village during lunch hours.

There was also a discussion regarding how traffic is backed up on I-95 in the vicinity of Route 1. However, there are several places on route 1 that have heavy traffic during certain hours.