

May 3, 2019

The regular meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) of the Township of Hanover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, was held on Friday, May 3, 2019 in Conference Room A of the Township Municipal Building, Route 10 and North Jefferson Road in the said Township, convening at 8:00 am.

Chairperson Breen announced that adequate notice for the meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and by posting written notice of the meeting on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building in said Township and by mailing such notice to the following newspapers: Hanover Eagle, Daily Record, and the Star Ledger.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Chairperson Breen; Vice-Chairperson Campbell; Members Brueno, Facchino, Hoblitzell, Linfante, Sheridan and Struble; Alternates Conklin, Elias, Potkay Mian and Shannon; Mayor Francioli; Director of Planning Ferramosca; Internal Coordinator Snow; and BA Designee Brancheau
Guest: Committeeperson Cahill

Absent: Alternate Florio

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 5, 2018

CURRENT BUSINESS:

Topic: Critical Sites – Bogey’s Meeting, Status Updates on Other Sites

Discussion: A meeting between BA Designee Brancheau, the subgroup studying the site and the broker for the Bogey’s property met to discuss the current status of the site. The owner of Bogey’s and the owner of the bank are at an impasse over price. BA Designee Brancheau has done a preliminary analysis and believes that the site would meet redevelopment criteria but the group is unsure if the site is large enough to warrant the cost of the process.

Director of Planning Ferramosca informed the group that several applications have been submitted to Planning for both Starbucks at Whippany Village and Panera Bread at the plaza near Wegman’s. The ongoing issues with the firehouse will not prevent Starbucks from moving forward as they have a relocation plan in place. The rest of the site of Whippany Village will be used for housing as a part of the Township’s Fair Share plan, retail and restaurant as per the modified site plan for the area. More information about Pine Plaza will be available next meeting after the preliminary settlement meeting between the Township and Fair Share Housing.

Mayor Francioli stated that the County has a plan to completely renovate all of the administrative buildings in Morristown including security updates to the jail and courthouse. Some of these buildings are historic and require special restoration. He stated that the project will be a 140 million dollar undertaking which will affect taxes county-wide.

NEW BUSINESS:

Topic: Budget Finalized – Guest Speakers, Events

Discussion: IC Snow stated that the budget for 2019 has been finalized and asks what the group is looking to achieve this year with the funding. Chairperson Breen stated that the group should think about guest speakers and events for the fall. Events include a potential broker’s meeting, Hanover Township Day and potential guest speakers.

Topic: Guest Speakers – Barbara Frieda (Hanover Life Magazine) & Frank Cahill (Morris Focus) of the Parsippany Area Chamber of Commerce (PACC)

Discussion: Barbara Frieda serves on the Parsippany Area Chamber of Commerce and published the Hanover Life Magazine. Frank Cahill is the executive director of the Parsippany Chamber of Commerce and publishes the Morris Focus news website. They stated that though the Chamber's primary focus was Parsippany, in recent years they have expanded and now work with nearby towns as well. Mr. Cahill heads the committee of the Chamber that works with Hanover. The group hosts many networking events and would like members of EDAC to attend. Ms. Frieda explained that when a new business opens, PACC gives them a folder with their member directory and information about the Chamber. She further states that she would like to include a welcome letter form EDAC in the folder to inform the businesses of what the group can do for them.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) is scheduled for May 17, 2019.