



Robbinsville Economic Development Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

May 10th, 2017, 2017 at 7:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Paul Rubin, *Chairman*; Elizabeth Meyers, *Vice Chairwoman*; Daniel Jackson, *Recording Secretary*; Councilwoman Sheree McGowan; Hal English, *Director of Community Development* Libny Sanchez-Morales, *Township Liaison*; Parimal Patel; Regina Wilder; Mike Norden; and Joe Porchetta.

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS:

Robbinsville Township appointed the following individuals to the Robbinsville Township Economic Development Advisory Committee: (1) Mike Norden, (2) Joe Porchetta, (3) Regina Wilder, and (4) Lance Brown. At this meeting Joe Porchetta had his first appearance and was able to introduce himself.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Mr. Rubin asked for approval of the minutes from the **April 12th, 2017** meeting. A motion was made by Mrs. Meyers and seconded by Mr. Patel. **MOTION CARRIED.**

TOWNSHIP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW:

Mr. English was recently appointed by Robbinsville Township Director of Community Development. This was his first meeting at EDAC as he introduced. He continued to discuss the general goals of his position and the role of EDAC in accomplishing them. In addition, the Mayor State of Township dinner was held on May 9th, 2017 which had a large attendance and success. He continues to discuss the status of Foxmoor Shopping Center, Route 130 corridor mapping project. Lastly, the main focus for Robbinsville Township is completing the Master Plan and would be seeking input and suggestions from EDAC.

UPDATE ON TOWNSHIP BUSINESS & EVENTS:

Mrs. Sanchez-Morales discussed upcoming events in Robbinsville Township which the main focus is Robbinsville Township Community Festival which will occur on June 10th, 2017 and the support needed from EDAC during the setup around 10:30am. Other items she mentions was Father's Day on June 18th, 2017 fishing derby at Town Center lake from 7am to noon.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL UPDATE:

Mrs. McGowan updated the committee that the council on May 11th, 2017 will be reviewing the resolution for municipal budget which has been reduced. Second, she also discussed Foxmoor Shopping Center in regards to the delay of the sheriff sale, OPRA Case status with regards to the dog licenses, and Town Center South project.

PLANNING BOARD UPDATES:

Mr. Rubin – no new report.



ZONING BOARD UPDATES:

Mr. Jackson reported the previous Zoning Board meeting, the Route 130 Gas Station located in Windsor, NJ was voted on which granted the owner the change of use from the repair bay to a convenience center. In addition, the subdivision/second driveway access was withdrawn by the applicant at the beginning of the meeting. Lastly, the Zoning Board has a new application with regards to Miry Run Golf Course and no further discussion at this time since it is being reviewed.

COUNTY & STATE UPDATES:

Mrs. Meyers stated the State is on break but there's discussion on the State and School Budget as recent articles have been posted about Robbinsville being under funded. In addition, she mentions a few new bills that might be interesting to Robbinsville Township for future growth in various business sectors as well as building restrictions.

EVENT UPDATES:

Community Day: June 10th, 2017 starting at 10:30am for setup. The EDAC selfie challenge flyer was completed and accepted by the Township. The Township will be printing 200 copies for EDAC to distribute to participants at Community Day.

Choose Robbinsville Brochures: Was provided at the Mayor's State of Township dinner. The contact information was changed. Also, a letter that was drafted by Mrs. Meyers to be sent along with the brochures will be provided to Mr. English for review and acceptance to continue with the project of sending to various business organizations.

Business Award Dinner: 'Save the Date' invitation flyer was drafted pending the nominated winners of the awards from Committee. Committee decided the winners for the following awards: Customer Loyalty, Civil Charity Award, Mayor's Award, Small Business, Large Business & Keep it Local. Lastly, the committee also decision tickets would cost \$25.00 per person and \$200 per table of ten people. The event will be held on October 5th, 2017 at Robbinsville High School and catered by Lola's Restaurant.

4th Annual Scavenger Hunt: No updates.

Master Plan Subcommittee: Mr. English discussed this at the beginning of the meeting during his introduction.

Route 130 Property Inventory Project: Mr. English and Mrs. Meyers discussed this at the beginning of the meeting during Township Economic Development Overview.

EDAC BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Mr. Patel – no new reports as the committee is waiting for the resolution from Township Council's on May 11th, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm with a motion made by Mr. Jackson and seconded by Ms. Wilder.