

Development Commission – 5/5/10

Chairman J. Altman called the meeting order.

In attendance: K. Donohue, L. Griffiths, J. Falkenstein-Sabatino, R. Leibfried

The meeting was opened by discussing a survey that was conducted by the municipality of Carteret. The Carteret survey attempts to find authentic and genuine feedback from the residents of the municipality as to which businesses that they would want to attract to the town.

L. Griffiths, asked if she thought if the Parking Authority would be interested in assisting with the survey. It is the Commission's intentions to invite a member of the Parking Authority to the next Development Commission meeting.

J. Falkenstein-Sabatino, asked the status of the Renaissance project and where the development was at with regards to various permits. She volunteered to contact Renaissance to discuss timelines and permits.

K. Donohue, stressed that the DOE, DEP and other state agencies are trying to expedite the process of gaining applications and permits by proprietors. It is a lengthy and timely process.

L. Griffiths reiterated that large building projects should be expedited.

The Development Commission as an entity is requesting more information regarding the Renaissance Development.

Liquor licenses were discussed and how the state determines the number of licenses per municipality. The Commission believes it is based on population.

J. Falkenstein-Sabatino and K. Donohue both brought up the Schooler Property and whether the DEP is going to have to get involved with that site.

The Commission discussed at length the brochure and the survey. Our goal is to gear and develop business to Metuchen.

J. Altman, suggested meeting with the Technology Commission and Councilman Manley to discuss linking the brochure to the Metuchen web page.

Two members of the commission also want to inquire if we can get the town historian to write a "History of Metuchen," portion of the brochure.

L. Griffiths, requested and felt that the brochure should provide map information to assist tourists that are not familiar with the town. She also would like to implement a survey in Metuchen while concentrating on interpreting the survey results and use the data accumulated to promote Metuchen in the best way possible.

We are pleased to welcome Mayor Vahalla, to our next meeting to discuss a variety of topics including appointments to Commissions, and an overall vision for the municipality of Metuchen.

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