

North Smithfield
Redevelopment Agency

Monday November 22, 2010

Present: John Flaherty, John Gibbons, John Gregory, Mike Rapko, Robert Nault, Eric Nascimento,

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

Discussion of Minutes

Minutes from last meeting were not voted on because hard copies were not brought to the meeting. Members agreed to vote on the minutes next meeting.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Flaherty indicated that he had a discussion with Town Council Elect Mr. Edward Yazbak to inform him of the goals of the Redevelopment Agency, as well any upcoming business that is anticipated to need Town Council approval. Mr. Yazbak requested that the Agency prepare a workshop for his information. This should include the work that the Agency has done thus far and future plans.

Discussion of Future Meeting Schedule and Location

Members discussed the dates for future meetings up until August 2011. All members agreed on the monthly dates that were chosen. A discussion also ensued about finding a permanent meeting location. Mr. Gibbons offered the use of his office space for all future meetings. All members agreed to meet at Mr. Gibbon's office.

Discussion on Designation of the Redevelopment Agency's Lawyer

A discussion ensued regarding the designation of the lawyer that will represent the Redevelopment Agency. All members agreed that it would be a good idea to use the Town Solicitor for this position, however it was suggested to wait until all elected officials are inaugurated since the Solicitor may change at that time.

Approval of the Draft Redevelopment Agency Bylaws / Rules of Procedure

Mr. Flaherty indicated that he revised the Bylaws/Rules of Procedure as discussed at our last meeting. He then asked if anyone had anything more to add or revise. Mr. Gregory motioned to approve the Redevelopment Agency Bylaws/Rules of Procedure. Mr. Nault seconded the motion. All members present were in favor.

Discussions on Ordinance establishing the Branch Village Redevelopment Area

Mr. Flaherty distributed the Draft Town Council Ordinance for “Establishing the Branch Village Redevelopment District” that he developed with the help of Mr. Ericson, Town Planner. A discussion ensued regarding the boundaries of the Branch Village Redevelopment District. Mr. Flaherty explained that Mr. Ericson would like to eliminate three properties located in the southeast corner of the Redevelopment Area because they are residential. Mr. Nault suggested that the limits be extended to include all properties on Great Road up to Route 146. He also inquired about setback requirements for commercial properties in the Redevelopment Area. Mr. Flaherty indicated that there are setback requirements and they can be found in the draft Mixed Use ordinance document. All members agreed that language pertaining to the setback requirements be reviewed and revised if necessary prior to submitting the Branch Village Redevelopment District Ordinance to the Town Council for approval.

Report on ATP site

Mr. Flaherty explained that he had discussions with Town officials regarding the planned use of the ATP site since its’ recent purchase. Town officials indicated that the new owner has not yet indicated the intended use of the building property. Mr. Flaherty requested that the Redevelopment Agency have the opportunity to review any requests for a special use permit for the ATP site.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm

Respectfully submitted

Eric Nascimento