

Smart Growth Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2004 (Meeting #2)

Borough Hall Council Chambers, W Front Street

The meeting of the Smart Growth Steering Committee was called to order 7:04 p.m. by Councilman John Doyle and Councilman Joe Wedick. Kenneth Bowers, Preiss, Phillips, Shapiro, Associates, Keyport Smart Growth Planning Team professional was present to recap the process to date.

Attendance: Steering Committee: Terry Burns, Joanne Clemente, Flo Crawford, Alan Deeken, Councilman John Doyle, Jeffrey Fink, Carole Grabowski, Lynne Kosobucki, Michael Lane, Joe Liggio, Administrator David Palamara Mike Palmisano, Rowland Seckinger, Mark Sessa, Kathy Shaw, JoEllen Trilling, and Councilman Joe Wedick.

Others in attendance: Tom Henderson (Res), Roger Goedtel (Water), Marilyn & Abe Abramowitz (Res), Paula & Urs Muller (Res), Angel Jeandron & Jack Jeandron (Res), Bob Ludwig, Ted Miller (Res), Mat Montanari (Res), Marjorie Seckinger (Water), Tim Telymonde, Paul Rinear, Eleanor Cosgrove (Water), and Peggy Hayes (Water).

John Doyle reported that a Steering Committee member volunteered to serve as chairperson to further facilitate the community process and consensus building of the Steering Committee. Cathy DiPierro was offered by nomination that was second by Alan Deeken. A call for additional nominations offered Michael Lane, Residential Topical Committee Chair by Rowland Seckinger. Discussion from the floor included the importance of providing topical committee representation on the steering committee while ensuring a broad range of view points in the process of evaluating all topical committee reports and findings. Concerns regarding dual rolls between topical committee chair and steering committee chair were stated. Michael Lane's excellent skills in facilitation and work completed on the topical Residential Committee were stated. A recommendation that Michael Lane step down from the Residential Committee Chair position to take the Steering Committee chairperson was presented, with Michael Lane acknowledging his willingness to step down as Residential topical committee chair. Terry Burns applauded the continuous efforts of Michael Lane that have inspired her into recent active involvement; however the talents of Cathy DiPierro will bring valuable skills to the Steering Committee. Kathy Shaw requested that all visitors to the meeting provide their names for the accuracy of the minutes that will be posted to the website. Michael Lane brought to everyone's attention that only the Steering Committee members should vote for the candidates nominated for Steering Committee Chair. Councilman Doyle and Councilman Wedick asked for a show of hands of all Steering Committee members. Cathy Dipierro was elected as chair with the majority votes cast from the Steering Committee. Kathy Shaw added all topical committee members and visitors names to the minutes of the meeting.

Ken Bowers provided a written summary from Project for Public Spaces and the Place Making Workshop held on June 5th to all those present. Additional report copies were distributed to Borough Council and Officials. The concept map created from the Place Making Workshop was displayed and will be made available on the website. There was no need to review the report, as a priority was made to provide topical committee report information to Ken Bowers to further the public process of gathering information about the study area. The remainder of the meeting was set aside for additional topical committee presentations. The Business, Waterfront, Transportation and Residential topical committee reports were presented from 7:30 p.m. until 11pm. Reports will be made available on www.keyportonline.com Resident/Smart Growth section.

Submitted by Kathy Shaw
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