

City of Franklin Forward Franklin Economic Development Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 28, 2013

I. Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

The January 28, 2013 meeting of the Forward Franklin Economic Development Committee was called to order by Chairman Haskins at 6:30 pm. Members present were Chairman Haskins, Michlig, Soto, and Katz-Petted. Members Ald. Taylor, Sweeney and Iwinski were excused.

II. Introduction of Mike Soto

Mr. Soto presented a brief introduction of himself.

III. Citizen Comment Period

Chairman Haskins opened the floor to citizen comment. There being no citizens expressing a desire to speak, the citizen comment period was closed.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. December 10, 2012

Motion made (Katz-Petted) and seconded (Soto) to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2012 meeting of the Forward Franklin Economic Development Committee as presented. Motion carried: 3 Ayes; 0 Noes; With member Michlig abstaining.

V. Announcements (No action to be taken)

A. Announcements relating to Economic Development

Member Michlig indicated that Moondance is closed again.

VI. Business

A. Economic Development through Promotion of Locally-Owned Business

Member Michlig presented information concerning a program in New Jersey used to promote locally-owned businesses through property tax incentives. Discussion followed indicating that the businesses have to be active in the promotion as well. Discussion of possible punch cards and/or coupon books. Non-retail promotion should be remembered also. Future discussion necessary.

B. Possible 27th Street BID

Mr. Haskins presented the background on the matter. Discussion followed about general aspects of a BID. No action taken.

C. Updates on Local Developments – “The Rock” (Crystal Ridge) and Meijer

Mr. Haskins indicated that The Rock development is showing signs of progress. Discussion followed concerning the possible impact. Discussion on Meijer followed in which member Michlig indicated that the issues were state-level issues, not issues with Franklin regulations/procedures. Discussion concerning Meijer and the site followed. No action taken.

D. Handling of Ribbon Cuttings

Tabled to a future meeting.

E. Fire Suppression Issues and Impact on Economic Development

Chairman Haskins indicated that he has heard from multiple new businesses concerning Franklin’s Fire Suppression issues. No action taken.

VII. Next Meeting Date – February 25, 2013

Next Meeting was announced to be February 25, 2013.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion made (Michlig) and seconded (Katz-Petted) to adjourn the January 28, 2013 Forward Franklin Economic Development Committee meeting. Motion carried: 4 ayes, 0 Noes