

Present: Stephen Barth, Bob Belchic, Don Borden, Lynn Bush, Debbie Byrne, Marie Esher Coia, Steve Gieseler, Jeff Gilmore, David Holewinski, and Donna von Lipsey **Excused:** Jackie D'Agostino, Dave Fermier, Robyne Kelemen and Lorraine Moxey.

Chair Marie Coia called the meeting to order at 7:37PM. The March 13, 2014 meeting minutes were read and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Redevelopment and Revitalization:

Lynn Bush Update: Committee will suggest to council to apply for the DVRPC's TCDI Grant (refer to handout). Lynn will assist Marie in preparing the grant application. More specificity is needed, for example, sidewalks, trails, train station, our relationship with DelVal. A twenty percent match from the borough can be in-kind. Time Lynn spends with the borough could be counted toward the match. Lynn feels that we need more professional time spent on the issues covered in the grant. The grant proposal is due May 30, 2014. There was some group discussion about the borough budget being a burning platform that should be addressed by development versus cutting services or raising taxes. David Holewinski reported that the zoning review and proposed changes is near completion.

Stephen Barth Update: Stephen met with DelVal President Brosnan and shared the village center concept and Shady Retreat trail system connecting to the college. Stephen and Tom Yatsky presented at the Doylestown Township Planning Commission meeting. They discussed our vision and a multiple municipal marketing plan, to include the college. It appears this is the first time in 120 years that everyone is on the same page. It is agreed that train stations and the college are an asset to our communities. DelVal's VP of Strategic Planning told Stephen the college has not felt connected to the community. The college is not looking for a developer to construct off-campus student housing. They prefer to renovate their current, center of the campus housing to keep students on-campus. The college has a seven-acre parcel in Doylestown Township they would like to sell to a developer that would construct over-55 housing. The college is targeting retirees for their evening classes. The college is supportive of mixed-use development on the Butler Avenue corridor. A better quality of life for students translates into retention. There are only eight students currently living in NBB. DelVal will provide an analysis of where students are living off-campus. It is recognized that NBB has a very restrictive ordinance regarding student-housing rentals. Chalfont Borough has just approved a Giant gas station and Giant has indicated their store will remain in Town Center.

Bitzer's: DEP is now involved. The borough works with Dan Jenkins of Keystone and he should review DEP report and advise the borough of current of conditions. Jeff will contact Dan Jenkins.

Knoell property: Nothing new.

DCED Keystone Communities façade grants: Lynn and Marie will meet to discuss and perhaps ask DelVal to assist with grant writing.

Webinar: "Successful Neighborhood Revitalization" anyone interested in attending will meet on Thursday, April 24 from Noon until 1:15 PM in the borough office.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted: Donna von Lipsey