

New Britain Borough Community & Business Committee  
14, 2013

Minutes November

**Present:** Robert Belchic, Don Borden, Debbie Byrne, Jackie D'Agostino, David Fermier, Chris Forlano, David Holewinski, Dave Joss, and Donna von Lipsey **Guests:** Joe Cossolini **Excused:** Marie Esher Coia, Lorraine Moxey.

Host, Don Borden called the meeting to order 7:30 PM. The October 10, 2013 meeting minutes were read and accepted.

This was a special visioning meeting at Delaware Valley College and participants were asked to prepare for a working session defining design elements and creating a shared vision. Members were asked to bring pictures/sketches of design elements they like in other towns/college towns.

Don introduced the visioning exercise by reflecting that half of the group thought the Vandegrift building is in keeping with our vision for the borough and the other half did not. A lively discussion of why/why not ensued.

The group divided into teams of two and each team chose a major intersection of the borough and worked with their partner to design the future on an overlay of the intersection and surrounding properties.

Don circulated among the teams to prompt additional ideas and to keep the exercise free flowing. Although time did not allow a debriefing by each team to the rest of the group, all agreed it was worth the time spent and that the process should be continued at another meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM. The next regular meeting will be December 12 at 7:30 PM at the borough Administration building.

Respectfully submitted: Donna von Lipsey