

MONMOUTH COUNTY PLANNING BOARD TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

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Minutes for the Meeting of the
Monmouth County Transportation Council
Tuesday, February 13, 2018
Monmouth County Planning Board
One East Main Street
Hall of Records Annex Building, 2nd Floor
Freehold, NJ 07728

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 PM

II. ATTENDANCE – ROLL CALL

Members Present

Frost, Barry
Van Nortwick, Peter
Garaguso, Anthony
Barrett, Betsy
Grbelja, Nancy

Staff Present

James Bonanno – Staff Advisor
David Schmetterer
Daria Jakimowska

Members Excused

Hennessy, Thom
Nelson, Eric
Doyle, Peter
Vernick, Jeff

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Council's approval of the January 12th, 2018 minutes was sought by Chairman Garaguso. Mr. Frost motioned to accept the January 12th minutes which was seconded by Ms. Barrett and accepted by the Council with the exception of Ms. Grbelja who abstained.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- Report on New Development along CR 537

At The Council's January Meeting Mr. Frost made the Council aware of a development being proposed along CR 537 in Jackson and raised his concerns about the possibility of increased traffic congestion. Staff offered to find out more information for the Council. Staff attended Monmouth County Development Review meetings and followed up with County Staff to find out more about the project. The Project is called "Jackson Crossings II" and consists of a mixed use hotel and recreation facility with two hotels and four athletic fields which can be used for multiple

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sports. Staff informed the Council that the Development Review Committee and staff had similar concerns to those expressed by the Council at the January meeting. Access to the site and to CR 537 was discussed at length by the committee and the complicated question of the County's jurisdiction (this development is in Ocean County, along a Monmouth County maintained roadway) is being explored. The Committee requested additional information from the applicant and a more in depth investigation into Monmouth County's jurisdictional abilities. Staff reported that The Development Review Committee tabled the discussion on The Jackson Crossings II development until more information is provided by the applicant.

V. QUARTERLY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

- Update on January's Newsletter

Staff provided the Council with printed statistics from the January newsletter as well as the October newsletter for comparison. Since sending out the October newsletter seventy six new recipients signed up for the newsletter in time to receive the January edition. In that time zero people have unsubscribed and the most popular article in the January newsletter was the article on smaller fire trucks. Overall the newsletter had a high rate of opens which was similar to the October newsletter. Staff also received an email to the Transportation Council email account asking to participate in the Monmouth County Bicycle Collector Application effort which they found in the January newsletter. The Council was happy to hear the newsletter recipient list is growing and that people are taking interest in the articles.

Ms. Barrett brought to the Council's attention that EZ Pass offers discounted rates for senior citizens and suggested to Staff that it may be something interesting to include in the upcoming spring newsletter. Staff and the Council agreed it was a good idea and Staff will be including it in the April edition.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Guidebook/By-Laws Review

Staff provided a binder with the Updated Transportation Council Membership Guidebook to each Council member and prepared a presentation to help the Council decide how best to advise the Planning Board moving forward, and to ensure the Council has covered all of their responsibilities. The presentation led the Council to a discussion about how best to communicate their thoughts and advice to the Planning Board. Staff explained that it is common for the Environmental Council to write letters to the Planning Board with their suggestions which are then considered and acted upon. The Council felt this was an effective way to interact with the Planning Board and found it to be supported by the Membership Guidebook.

VII. REPORTS OF STAFF

- Grants Received from NJTPA for Road Improvements along Stagecoach Road (CR524) and Holmdel Road (CR4)

Staff updated the Council on two grants that Monmouth County has procured from NJTPA for two road projects. One is the high Risk Rural Roads Program which will be used to install high friction surface treatment, safety edging, centerline rumble strips, raised pavement markers, signs to warn motorists about curves and updated pavement markings along Stagecoach Road (CR524) in Upper Freehold Township. The second is The Local Safety Program which will be used to improve the intersection of Holmdel Road (CR4) and Beer Street by exploring the possibility of installing a roundabout.

- Barry Frost, Quarterly Transportation Council Newsletter Bookmarks

In January the Council discussed the possibility of advertising the Transportation Council and its newsletter on bookmarks that could be made available in libraries throughout the County. After this discussion Mr. Frost volunteered to create a draft bookmark the Council could possibly develop. Mr. Frost arrived on February 13th with

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thirty examples of slogans and one draft bookmark. The Council was very pleased with Mr. Frost's work and commended him for his efforts. Moving forward the Council is going to work on thinking of more ideas for bookmarks and Staff will continue to investigate how to follow find resources for printing bookmarks.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were received from the public.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next public Monmouth County Transportation Council meeting to be– 7:00PM Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at the Monmouth County Division of Planning Conference Room at 1 East Main Street, 2nd Floor, Freehold, NJ 07728

X. ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion to adjourn the meeting made by Ms. Barrett and seconded by Mr. Van Nortwick, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.