

Meeting Minutes
Economic Development Joint Public Meeting
Kennett Township and Borough of Kennett Square
6:00PM, July 30, 2018
Kennett Township Public Meeting Room

Call to Order:

Stevens called the special meeting of Borough Council of Kennett Square and Kennett Township to order at 6:00PM.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Cramer reported that the Borough received information from Borough legal Counsel that they cannot vote on anything while outside of the Borough of Kennett Square and will bring anything back that needs voted on at their next Public Meeting in the Borough. It was discussed that future meetings can be held in the Borough as the Township does not have the restraint of the location.

Roll Call:

Kennett Borough	Kennett Township	Historic Kennett Square
LaToya M. Myers	Scudder G. Stevens	Mary Hutchins
Ethan L. Cramer	Whitney S. Hoffman	Nate Echeverria
J. Douglas Doerfler	Lisa M. Moore	Tom Sausen
Jamie Mallon		
Brenda Mercomes		
Wayne Braffman		
Peter L. Waterkotte		
Joseph Scalise		

Call for Public Comments:

No public comments were made.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes were tabled as Hoffman was not in attendance of the last meeting and no action could be taken by the members of Borough.

Presentations:

Kennett Active Transportation Plan (ALTA):

Nate Echeverria introduced Michael Guttman who presented an overview and history of the Kennett Active Transportation Plan and introduced Stu Sirota from ALTA, the consultant for project who presented the final Active Transportation Plan, A Cooperative Vision for Walking, Biking, and Accessing Transit in the Township and Borough.

Discussion and Comments:

Nate Echeverria commented on how the Active Transportation Plan connects to Economic Development and the trend of walkable communities.

Mike Guttman commented on the plan noting that geography is important and noted the importance of connections.

Mallon, Hoffman, Braffman, Waterkotte, Mercomes and Stevens commented on the presentation.

Josie Marsh with Bike Kennett commented on the difference between the complete street policy and complete street study.

Lauren Intinarelli asked if Echeverria could expand on the example of Birch Street that he spoke about.

Karen Marshall asked how the plan helps complete the greenway, Sirota replied.

Economic Development Regulatory Amendments (LRK):

Echeverria presented an update on the Economic Development Regulatory Amendment process noting that Looney Ricks Kiss (LRK) is the consultant working on the amendments. Echeverria presented an overview of the timeline of the three phase timeline.

Discussion and Comments:

Cramer commented that NVF portion was not part of what Borough Council voted on as part of the Economic Development Study adoption. Mallon noted that they were not rejected with prejudice, discussion ensued.

Cramer commented that there was recently a lot of changes to the OI zoning district which should be taken into consideration.

Braffman noted that all three projects are in the Township. Echeverria responded that the State/Cypress Corridor includes areas in the Township including Millers Hill and Ways lane.

Kevin Myers from the County and Michael Kimmey of LRK commented on the process.

Reports:

Economic Development Director:

Echeverria noted that he distributed a written report listing the focus areas and priorities and called for any questions, no questions were presented.

Action Items:

Memoranda of Understanding (Kennett Township and the Borough of Kennett Square and Kennett Square Revitalization Task Force Inc. DBA Historic Kennett Square:

Discussion regarding the Memoranda of Understanding took place. It was noted that the document is still being passed back and forth from each partner for review and comments from their legal counsel. It was noted that the document should be ready for each municipality to vote on at their next public meeting.

Cramer commented that he wanted to draw attention to Act 177, the intergovernmental operation act noting that he feels that this act could help the municipalities interact.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 29, 2018 at 6pm, location to be determined.

Hoffman made a motion to adjourn. Stevens seconded the motion.
Motion carries unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM