

**CALL TO ORDER**

This Meeting of the Redevelopment Committee of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, was called to order by Mayor Nicolas J. Carra in the Community Room of the Raritan Municipal Building, 22 First Street, Raritan, NJ 08869 on April 21, 2025.

The Mayor announced this meeting was called pursuant to applicable portions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate Notice was communicated to *The Courier News* and *The Star Ledger*, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, on the Borough website and made available in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Carra, Council President Tozzi, William Cunningham, Lou Gara, Tony LoPresti, Adele Goetsch, Debra Thomas, Engineer Brosnan  
Absent: Administrator Colvin

**MINUTES**

- a. October 24, 2024
- b. December 4, 2025
- c. February 26, 2025
- d. March 25, 2025

Mayor Carra and Committee members discussed approving the minutes at the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Rehabilitation Designation
  - i. Parking Study
  - ii. Orlando Drive

Angela Knowles discussed the potential projects for the Borough's Downtown Area as well as the Greenway. She asked if there was any update on DPW doing a parking inventory which Administrator Colvin will update everyone at the next meeting as he is not in attendance. Council President Tozzi stated that DPW can have the tree and brush clean up done by the end of April. Ms. Knowles then suggested having façade guidelines which could be appointed by the Council for the B1 zoning district. This could help enhance the look of the buildings in town; the Borough does have an ordinance already established that regulates things such as awnings, canopies, lighting, displays, and signs (number of and size). Establishing guidelines such as these could help keep the downtown area cohesive and more inviting. Discussion ensued amongst committee members about the requirements and how best to define the requirements. It was also suggested that Raritan should establish a downtown alliance to invite businesses to the area and could also use that to set up meetings with the current business owners. Further discussion arisen about the difference between a redevelopment plan and a rehabilitation plan as the plan circulated by Ms. Knowles discussed both. She will take out the redevelopment to maintain rehabilitation and circulate an updated copy.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**MISCELLANIOUS**

Mayor Carra stated that the County has been looking into purchasing B & B located on Orlando Drive and making it part of the Greenway. Ideas about a bike path that connects Somerville to Raritan as well as having signage to connect people to our downtown area. The signage could include a QR code for people to scan and give info for our local businesses.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Adele Goetsch, seconded by Debra Thomas, the Committee moved to Adjourn the Meeting.

Recorded Vote

All in Favor

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Kimberly Mathewson  
Acting Municipal Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_