

A Planning & Development/Workshop Session of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge were held on Monday, March 14, 2011 in the Mayor's Office of The Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, New Jersey at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Hughes, Councilpersons, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Theodorou, Lefkovits and Lisovicz.

Absent: None

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Administrator/Clerk/Engineer Rohal and Attorney Malyska.

Administrator Rohal reported that the Planning Board sub-committee has completed its evaluation of the Bloomfield Avenue Corridor and will be issuing its recommendations in April.

The Council was updated on the Rails/Trails Project. It was decided that the County should be the lead agency for the project and the consultant was requested to draft a letter

Councilperson Baker stated she was seeking grant funding for a Complete Streets Program.

It was decided that the parking permit fees should be reviewed. Administrator Rohal will conduct a rate study of municipal parking facilities.

At 6:30 pm on the motion of Councilperson Theodorou, seconded by Councilperson Dawson, the Council conducted an executive session to discuss a contractual matter involving shared services.

Councilperson Baker reviewed several municipal property beautification projects including the Hillside underpass and the NJT property at the corner of Hillside Avenue and Snowden Place.

A proposal to conduct a Free Cycling Day in May was proposed and accepted by the Mayor and Council. Resident can place items curbside starting at 6:00 pm on May 3rd. Unclaimed items will be picked up on Bulk Waste Pickup Day which is May 5, 2011.

Councilperson Baker gave an update on environmental activities. The Shade Tree Commission met for the first time on and is developing short and long range goals. Meetings will be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The tree planting for Arbor Day will take place at the corner of Hillside Avenue and Snowden with the Girl Scouts participating in the tree planting. The Girl Scouts will be distributing tree protectors as part of the Arbor Day initiative. There will also be a glen clean up on April 30th. The cleanup will be part of the Clean Ocean Project Beach Sweeps program. The Library and Environmental Advisory Committee will be holding a town shredding day on Saturday April 23. Proceeds will go to the Library.

Administrator Rohal apprised the Mayor and Council that there is a request to place a community garden in the Benson Green. The produce would be given to food banks/pantries in the area. A detailed presentation will be given at the next workshop meeting.

The workshop session was adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.