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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOV. 21, 2001

TIME: 12:25 PM– 2:00 PM
DATE: Wednesday, November 21, 2001
PLACE: D&R Canal Commission Office
Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Herzog, Jessen, Nordstrom and
Torpey; Mrs. Nash

STAFF: Mr. Amon and Ms. Holms
Mr. Lewin Weyl, Deputy Attorney General

GUESTS:

Barbara Ross, D&R Canal Watch
Joe Shepherd, NJ Water Supply Authority
Rebecca Williams, D&R Canal State Park
Susan Herron, D&R Canal State Park
Curt Emmich, Princeton Forrestal Center
David Knights, Princeton Forrestal Center
Michael A. Marquis, HACBM, Inc.
Richard Orth, Orth, Rodgers Assoc.
Chris Tarr, Smith, Stratton

Mr. Torpey announced that because there was no quorum, the meeting would start with the Canal Park Superintendent's Report.

CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Herron reported that a \$20,000 appropriation from the State would be used by the Lawrence Historical Society to repair and maintain the Port Mercer Canal House. She said that several successful Canal Park events took place recently, including the Fall Foliage Tour in Kingston, a Halloween Fest, and the Meadows Canoe Race.

Mr. Herzog joined the meeting at 12:30 PM.

Mr. Torpey announced that this was a regular meeting of the D&R Canal Commission and that all provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law of 1976 had been met.

Mr. Amon presented the following application for traffic impact review:

01-2729 – Homewood Suites – Plainsboro Township

609-397-2000 FAX 609-397-1081 www.dandrcanal.com
PRALLSVILLE MILLS 33 RISLER STREET P.O. BOX 539 STOCKTON, NJ 08559-0539

Donald T. Di Francesco, *Acting Governor*

Robert C. Shinn, Jr., *Commissioner, Dept. Environmental Protection*

Mr. Tarr, attorney for the applicant, described the project. The proposal is to construct a 142-unit hotel on Route One, with a driveway access to Mapleton Road. The driveway presently serves an residential complex; the applicant is proposing to alter its course so that it could serve the new hotel as well. He said that the project would have a positive traffic impact on the Canal Park because it would divert trucks from going south on Mapleton Road.

Mr. Orth said that the adjacent Marriott hotel's traffic has been studied and that 85-95% of its traffic uses either Route One or the driveway off of Route One for access. He said that the proposed project would result in a 10-20% traffic reduction on Mapleton Road going south. Trucks would be prohibited on the proposed driveway.

Mr. Jessen moved approval of a resolution stating that the project as proposed in the plans entitled "Preliminary/Final Site Plan for Homewood Suites (40 sheets dated last revised 8/28/01; prepared by HACMB) would not constitute a violation of the Commission's Traffic Impact Regulation (N.J.A.C. 7:25-8). Mrs. Nash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Mrs. Nash moved approval of the minutes of both the regular meeting and Executive Session of October 17, 2001. Mr. Jessen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

Mr. Amon presented the following "A" Zone application for review and approval:

01-2786 – Toomey Residence Deck – Stockton

Mr. Amon said that the proposed deck would be screened from the Canal Park by trees. Mr. Jessen moved approval of the Toomey deck; Mrs. Nash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Amon then presented the following "B" Zone applications for review and approval:

00-1831A – Forsgate S-137 Additions – South Brunswick Township
01-2745 – Crowne Point at East Windsor – East Windsor Township
00-2700 – Jasna Polana Estates – Lawrence Township
98-2492 – Princeton Montgomery Car Wash – Montgomery Township
01-2774 – Wagner Farm Park – Millstone Township
01-2760 – Colt's Run at Montgomery – Montgomery Township
01-2791 – Ewing Center Expansion – Ewing Township
99-2284A – Hopewell Grant – Hopewell Township

Mr. Amon said that according to the Commission's engineers, the "B" Zone projects conformed to the standards of the Commission's Stormwater Management Impact regulation. Ms. Holms said that the applicant for Colt's Run at Montgomery is proposing buffer averaging (1:1) as a

means of mediation for encroachment into the stream corridor. She recommended approving the waiver request from strict compliance of the Stream Corridor Impact regulation. Mr. Amon recommended approval of all of the "B" Zone projects, with the following condition for Hopewell Grant: that the Certificate of Approval not be released until the Commission received the last revised plans indicating that the stormwater management design had not changed from the plans that were reviewed by this office. With that condition, Mr. Jessen moved approval of the "B" Zone projects; Mrs. Nash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Shepherd reported that the diversion from the Delaware River to the canal was down to 70 million gallons per day, due to the drought (down from 90 million gallons per day). As a result of the lower flow, sandbars are being removed by the Authority at Port Mercer. He said that the restoration of the towpath near Alexander Road was continuing.

REVIEW OF LINKAGES PROJECT

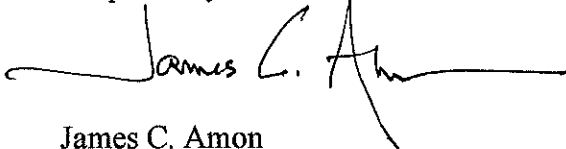
Mr. Amon reviewed a list of projects undertaken by the Commission that involved linking the Canal Park to other cultural, natural and historic resources in central New Jersey. He said that the projects involved working with other groups and individuals because the Commission did not have the authority to compel implementation. Mr. Torpey suggested that the Commission encourage residents to get involved in their own local projects. Mr. Herzog and Mrs. Nash suggested that the Commission develop a map of the projects that could be distributed to open space committees.

OLD BUSINESS

The Commission discussed the status of a proposed regulation for cell towers.

The Commission adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James C. Amon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

James C. Amon