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Press Release

Plainfield Planning Board Receives Award

The City of Plainfield's Planning Board was given an Achievement Award by the New Jersey Planning Officials Association on Friday April 25th.

The Award Nomination touts the Plainfield Planning Board as being "A leader in incorporating sound planning into redevelopment efforts and elevating redevelopment to a position of integrity."

Mayor Sharon Robinson-Briggs identified redevelopment as the impetus to change the economic landscape and appointed staff to implement her vision. Utilizing provisions of the local Redevelopment and Housing law, the City engaged in a collaborative effort with the Union County Improvement Authority. Based on the initiatives of Jennifer Wenson-Maier, Director of Public Works, the concept of transit oriented development (TOD) became the focus of redevelopment activities.

The Award nomination further went on to state that the Plainfield Planning Board is "Proactive rather than reactionary. Instead of isolating redevelopment areas, the Board attempts to approach redevelopment from a broad perspective."

In addition to this demanding work, the Board prepares capital improvement programs and provides constructive insight. This process is of considerable assistance to the city and has resulted in an organized and understandable way to project further expenditures.

The Award was presented at the 2008 NJPO Achievement in Planning Awards Banquet, which took place at the Woodbridge Hilton, Woodbridge NJ.

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