

**TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 23, 2009**

The Trotwood City Council met in Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 4:30 p.m. at Stonehedge Company, 147 North High Street, Gahanna, Ohio 43230.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members present: Mayor Darreyl D. Davis, Vice-Mayor Joyce Sutton Cameron, Council Member Rap Hankins, Council Member Mary A. McDonald, Council Member Barbara J. Staggs, Council Member Bettye Gales, and Council Member Ronald Vaughn.

Staff Members present: City Manager Michael J. Lucking, Planning and Zoning Administrator Carl Daugherty, and Deputy Clerk of Council Sandy Riege.

VISITORS:

Mo Dioun, President and Nicci Crocker, Executive Assistant representing The Stonehenge Company; Jim Houk, President/ CEO and Tony Slanex, Senior Associate representatives from Bird Houk Collaborative; and Bruce Kettelle (former Council Member, Totally Trotwood).

PRESENTATION – STONEHENGE COMPANY

City Manager Michael J. Lucking introduced consultants Mo Dioun, President of The Stonehenge Company; Jim Houk, President/ CEO and Tony Slanex, Senior Associate from the Bird Houk Collaborative. They presented their goals and objectives from their analysis to revitalize the vacant lot formerly known as Salem Mall site located at 5200 Salem Avenue, Trotwood, Ohio for future development use.

Tony Slanex along with Jim Houk gave a historical overview from discussions from the Steering Committee members that took place over several months of planning. He explained, the current trends for commercial sites have been changing in the state and region since 2001. Now communities are focusing on mixed use environments known as 'Lifestyle Centers' for businesses and citizens to thrive independently. Several designs were presented to show the connectivity that would include; civic, institutional, educational, recreation, residential, commercial/office and retail uses. Three different schemes were presented to council for them to look at showing how the city could implement some of these ideas to our site to create a regional destination with the most popular being the 'wedge' scheme that could be modified utilizing development blocks for reconfiguration if necessary.

Mo Dioun illustrated how this redevelopment effort can work for us. He explained, his company is now working on a project known as the former Northland Mall located on Morse Road in Columbus, Ohio (now known as the Northland Village). This land acreage is very similar to the former Salem Mall. This new design concept would be phased over time with various elements such as funding, infrastructure design, public/private partnerships, market demand, political will of the city and the public to consider. After the presentation, the group took a walking tour of a redevelopment site located in City of Gahanna known as 'Creekside' to give us a vision of how a design scheme of this nature could work for us.

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Mayor Davis asked the consultants what our next steps would be. Mary McDonald said she'd like to have more time to review all the information presented tonight and everyone agree to schedule another workshop session at a later date and time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sandy Riege,
Deputy Clerk of Council

Darreyl D. Davis, Mayor