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GLASSBORO SEEKS COMMUNITY INPUT
INTO TOWN SQUARE PLANNING, IMPLEMENTATION
*A grant from DVRPC is funding a process to set a strategic direction
for the 1.5-acre public space at the top of Rowan Boulevard*

GLASSBORO---Glassboro officials invite Borough residents and businesses to participate in a strategic process to determine the appropriate layout, use and programming of a 1.5-acre Town Square to be located at the top of Rowan Boulevard. Two public sessions are schedule to take place on **Tuesday, January 17 and Thursday, January 19** from 5:00-7:30 p.m. in the meeting rooms at Verizon Wireless (Doubletree Shopping Center, 192 William Dalton Drive, Glassboro). The process is led by nationally recognized landscape architects Laquatra Bonci (Pittsburgh, PA) and is funded by a grant from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC).

“We have enlisted Laquatra Bonci to help us appropriately plan an open space that will serve as an engine generating foot traffic from top to bottom of Rowan Boulevard throughout the year. This includes layout of the Town Square, planning for events and daily programming, plus an effective business plan that addresses operational costs,” said Glassboro Council President Tony Fiola. “We are turning to our residents and businesses for their invaluable input. The square should help define Rowan

Boulevard and downtown Glassboro as a destination that enhances quality of life for residents and Rowan University students and also supports local business growth.”

“The Borough committed to conducting an open and transparent process to ensure we meet the needs of residents, businesses and the University alike. We must have an understanding for what concerns and constraints are out there before we do any planning,” added Glassboro Councilman George Cossabone.

The future Town Square site is located at the intersection of High and Main Streets in Downtown Glassboro, at the top of Rowan Boulevard and at the center of the downtown redevelopment zone. The site includes a series of underutilized buildings, including a closed gas station, and is being cleaned up and converted into a 1.5 acre plaza for events and activities.

The first public session is set for **Tuesday, January 17** from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the Verizon Wireless Store’s meeting rooms (192 William Dalton Drive, Glassboro). This Community Input Session will include a discussion about key downtown issues, including local culture, needs and constraints. Light refreshments will be served.

A follow up session is scheduled for **Thursday, January 19** from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the Verizon Wireless Store’s meeting rooms (192 William Dalton Drive, Glassboro). Participants in the first session are invited to return to hear preliminary recommendations for the Town Square and provide feedback. Light refreshments will be served.

In addition to the two open public sessions, Laquatra Bonci will conduct small-group interviews and independent research as they prepare to undertake the complete planning process over the course of the next several months. Residents and business representatives will be able to receive periodic email updates on parking planning and will have future opportunities to participate in other aspects of the redevelopment process.

To reserve your spot at one or both of these sessions or for more information, please contact borough of Glassboro at info@glassboro.org.

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