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Newark Announces New Planning and Development Director

Newark, DE (January 30, 2012) – The City of Newark announces it has selected its new Planning and Development Director to replace retiring Planning and Development Director Roy Lopata effective February 27, 2012. Maureen Feeney Roser has served as the Assistant Director of Planning and Development for the City of Newark since 1985. Roser is a graduate of the University of Delaware where she completed her undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice and master’s degree in Sociology.

“I could not be happier to take the next step in my career with the City of Newark. I am looking forward to serving the community I know so well,” says Maureen Feeney Roser. In addition to serving as second in command of the Planning and Development Department, Roser manages Newark’s parking facilities and programs and serves as the Administrator of the Downtown Newark Partnership, a private-public partnership – including the City of Newark, University of Delaware, downtown businesses and property owners and Newark residents – dedicated to the economic enhancement of downtown.

For the past 12 years the partnership has been designated a National Main Street Community and boasts a lengthy list of accomplishments and accolades under her stewardship, not the least of which is the 2011 Great American Main Street Award. Under Roser’s guidance the Downtown Newark Partnership worked skillfully with public and private partners to find creative solutions to downtown’s challenges and to celebrate its assets and opportunities. With 26 new businesses opening in the past 18 months, more than \$30 million invested in the last 3.5 years and a popular year-round arts and events calendar that draws people from miles around, Newark has emerged as a fun, attractive, and intelligent city for work and play.

City Manager Kyle Sonnenberg says, “Maureen has done very good work during her time with the city and she has earned the Director of Planning and Development position. She will serve Newark well as the city progresses into the future.”

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