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MAYOR HONORS PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Chester, PA -- On Wednesday, January 14, 2009, Mayor Wendell N. Butler, Jr. and City Council honored three longtime planning commission members for their outstanding service and commitment to the City of Chester. The honorees included Theresa Heintz, who presided as Chairperson for 20 years and served a total of 25 years; Reverend Jeremiah Witherspoon, who served 20 years; and Thomas Groch, who served 13 years.

At the regular Council meeting, Mayor Butler expressed his gratitude to all Planning Commission members for the time they have volunteered over the years.

“The City is fortunate to have such a dedicated, talented group of individuals willing to spend countless hours of their time to ensure that development happens in an orderly fashion,” said Mayor Butler. “Their guidance has been instrumental in the approval process for many significant developments, including Harrah’s Chester Casino and Racetrack and the Wharf at Rivertown.”



From left: Mayor Wendell N. Butler, Jr., Rev. Jeremiah Witherspoon, Theresa Heintz and Thomas Groch.

Each honoree received a personalized award, inscribed with their years of service. Following the Council meeting, a reception was held by the Mayor for award recipients and their families.

The City Planning Commission is responsible for overseeing growth-management and comprehensive long-range planning in the City of Chester. Planning Commission meetings are open to the public and are held every second Wednesday of the month at 5:00 pm at Chester City Hall. For more information, residents can contact Chairperson Jim Turner at 610-447-7870.

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