

MINUTES - PLANNING BOARD

Workshop meeting of December 6, 2017

The meeting of the Cranford Planning Board was called to order by Ms. Anderson on December 6, 2017 at 7:37 p.m. in Room 108 of the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey. Ms. Anderson announced in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Open Public Meetings Act, the Westfield Leader or the Star Ledger has been notified and the agenda posted in the municipal building as required.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Ms. Anderson
Dr. Chapman
Mayor Hannen
Ms. Pedde
Mr. Taylor

Members Absent:

Ms. Murray
Commissioner Dooley
Ms. Steinbach
Ms. Feder

Alternates Present:

Mr. Aschenbach
Ms. Didzbalis

Alternates Absent:

None

Also present:

Mark Rothman, Esquire; Ron Johnson, Zoning Officer; Kathy Lenahan, Administrator/Scribe

2. RESOLUTIONS OF MEMORIALIZATION

None

3. MINUTES

Motion to adopt the minutes of the Workshop meeting of November 1, 2017 was made by Ms. Didzbalis seconded by Dr. Chapman and passed on unanimous voice vote.

Motion to adopt the Executive Session minutes of November 1, 2017 was made by Mayor Hannen seconded by Ms. Pedde and passed on unanimous voice vote.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

September/October Edition of The New Jersey Planner was distributed to Board members.

5. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of 2018 dates for reorganization and meetings.

Discussion was held to approve a date for the 2018 Reorganization Meeting along with the 2018 Time/Dates Schedule of Meetings. Board decided on January 10, 2018 for the Reorganization Meeting.

Motion to adopt 2018 Time/Dates Schedule of Meetings made by Mayor Hannen, seconded Dr. Chapman and passed on unanimous voice vote.

6. WORKSHOP PORTION

Mr. Rothman announced that the Hartz Mountain application will be carried to the February 21, 2018 meeting.

7. PUBLIC PORTION

Ms. LaBrutto - 104 Arlington Road, stated she feels the Board is lacking transparency. Stated that the November 1st agenda did not include the discussion of the Birchwood Redevelopment Plan, and that an agenda should specify what will be discussed at a meeting. Also, the North Avenue Redevelopment Plan was not posted on website, but was on bulletin board in Municipal Building for a short time and removed. She hopes that more development is not a trend for the town. Asked if the agenda for December 20th would include the North Avenue Redevelopment Study.

Mr. Rothman stated he was not sure if the North Avenue Redevelopment Study would be on agenda for December 20th. He stated there will be a presentation and the public will be able to comment on the study.

Ms. LaBrutto stated that if a draft is available to the Board it should be available to the public. Also mentioned she is not in favor of permitted use of 4th floors in the Downtown.

Mr. Rothman stated that a document is complete when it is signed and sealed by the Planner.

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There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was regularly made, seconded and passed. The meeting concluded at 8:05 p.m.

Lynda Feder, Alternate Secretary