

## **MINUTES - PLANNING BOARD**

### **Workshop meeting of March 18, 2020**

A public meeting of the Cranford Planning Board was called to order via **Conference Call** by Ms. Murray on March 18, 2020 at 7:35 p.m. in Room 108 of the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey.

Ms. Lenahan announced in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Open Public Meetings Act, the Westfield Leader and the Star Ledger have been notified and the agenda posted in the municipal building as required. Formal action may be taken.

### **1. ROLL CALL**

#### **Members Present**

Ms. Murray

#### **Members Present via Conference Call:**

Ms. Pedde  
Dr. Chapman  
Mr. Cossa  
Ms. Didzbalis  
Ms. Feder  
Mayor Giblin  
Mr. Taylor

#### **Members Absent:**

Deputy Mayor Prunty

#### **Alternates Present via Conference Call:**

Ms. Kellet  
Mr. Walton

#### **Alternates Absent:**

None

#### **Also present:**

Kathy Lenahan, Board Administrator

#### **Also present via conference Call:**

Jonathan Drill Esq., Jason Bottcher, Zoning Officer

#### **Public Attending Via Conference Call:**

Robert Garrison – 715 Kimball Avenue, Westfield

### **2. Resolutions**

Application #PB-19-005  
95 Dermody Realty LLC  
95 Dermody Street, Block 565, Lot 2, C-2 Zone

The applicant in this matter is seeking preliminary and final minor site plan approval, a c(1) hardship variance, a c(2) flexible variance and numerous design waivers for the operation of a laboratory.

After discussion, a motion to adopt the Resolution of Memorialization was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Walton and passed by roll call vote:

Affirmative: Mr. Walton, Mr. Taylor, Ms. Didzbalis, Dr. Chapman, Ms. Pedde and Ms. Murray.

Opposed: NONE

**3. MINUTES**

None

**4. COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**5. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

- Discussion of engaging a Planner to conduct a study to evaluate whether 750 Walnut Avenue should be designated as a condemnation area in need of redevelopment.

Proposals were received from Maser Consulting, Topology LLC and Banisch Associates.

Each proposal was reviewed as to the scope of their services and the work to be performed. There were some price differences between the proposals. The study is only a plan to determine if there is a need.

The Board discussed putting together a subcommittee to meet (via conference call) with both Maser and Topology prior to the next Planning Board meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Board requested more information regarding the environmental issues on the site and suggested that the research should be done by the consultant and not the Township. Board believes there are environmental records available on this property.

Board decided to request revised proposals which would include the scope of work for the environmental issues and fees associated with that work. Also, from Topology they are requesting information on what would be the Township's responsibilities vs. their responsibilities.

The Subcommittee will be the Chair and two members plus Jason Bottcher and Kathy Lenahan. Board recommended Peter Taylor and Lynda Feder for the subcommittee and they accepted.

Board decided the next meeting of April 1<sup>st</sup> should be done via conference call and the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting be done via video call. Discussed possibly using "Zoom". At this time, there is a hearing scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**6. PUBLIC PORTION**  
None

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was regularly made, seconded and passed. The meeting concluded at 8:20 p.m.

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Kathleen Murray, Chair