

Middlesex County Planning Board Meeting
75 Bayard Street, County Administration Building, 1st Floor,
Freeholder Meeting Room, New Brunswick, NJ 08901
October 8, 2019
3:30 P.M.
Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Matthew Vaughn, Chairman
Mr. Thomas Pollando, Vice Chairman
Mr. Ronald Sendner, Acting County Engineer
Mr. Jason Freidman
Ms. Rani Goomer
Mr. Jonathan Kopf
Steven D. Cahn, Esq., Planning Board Counsel
Ms. Brenda L. Bleacher, Planning Board Secretary

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
Freeholder Charles Kenny
Mr. William Thomas III
Ms. Gail Lala, Alternate
Mr. Erik Wong, Alternate

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Khalid Anjum, Department Head, Infrastructure Management
Mr. George M. Ververides, Director, Office of Planning
Ms. Mirah Becker, Supervisor, Environmental Sustainability
Mr. Anthony Gambilonghi, Supervisor, Transportation

PUBLIC PRESENT

Mr. David Akins, Piscataway
Mr. Shawn Hausermann, South River

Chairman Vaughn called the meeting of the Planning Board to order at 3:30 p.m. in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

Salute to the Flag.

Moment of Silence.

Secretary Brenda L. Bleacher called the roll and determined a quorum was present.

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I. Open Public discussion on resolutions listed on this agenda only - None

Mr. Freidman motioned to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Pollando. Motion was carried unanimously.

II. Administration:

Mr. Thomas Pollando

A. Mr. Ververides reported that the minutes of June 11, 2019 are in the folder for approval.

Mr. Freidman moved, seconded by Mr. Pollando, to approve the minutes of June 11, 2019. Motion was carried unanimously.

B. Review the Minutes of September 10, 2019.

Mr. Ververides reported that the minutes of September 10, 2019 will be before the Planning Board for approval at the November 12, 2019 meeting.

C. Financial Report –

Mr. Ververides reported that the Financial Report from January to August 2019 is before the Planning Board for approval.

Mr. Pollando moved, seconded by Ms. Goomer, to approve the Financial Report from January to August 2019. Motion was carried unanimously.

D. Committee Report – None

E. Summary of Zoning and Master Plan Revisions - Mr. Ververides stated that the Summary of Zoning and Master Plan Revisions report is in the folder for review and information.

Ms. Goomer moved, seconded by Mr. Pollando, to approve the Summary of Zoning and Master Plan Revisions report. Motion was carried unanimously.

F. Correspondence – All correspondence received since the last meeting has been filed in the Office of Planning for reference.

III. Environmental Sustainability:
Mr. Jason Freidman

A. Committee Report for September 2019:

Ms. Becker stated that the Committee Report for September 2019 is in the folder. Site-Specific Amendments: Cranbury-Dey Road and JET USA Applications have been completed and approved.

Staff received a new amendment for 36 Haypress Road, South Brunswick; review is underway, and the application will be presented to the WRA on November 4, 2019.

The Resilient NJ Grant Program Award documents were received from NJDEP. Staff is finalizing the contracts with the municipalities. The Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership will be the lead for the community outreach initiatives. Work is expected to begin in the new year.

The County Agriculture Development Board has two open PIG applications for farmland preservation: (1) the Estate of Anthony Zimbicki, Sr., Monroe, and (2) the Estate of Ernest Bergfelder, East Brunswick.

There are currently three right to farm applications before the County Agricultural Development Board: (1) an application for mulching; (2) an application for a horse auction site allegedly to be operating horse rodeo events; and (3) an application for the installation of roof top solar panels on preserved farmland.

Ms. Goomer moved, seconded by Mr. Pollando, to approve the Committee Report for September 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Transportation:
Mr. Ronald Sendner, Acting County Engineer

A. Committee Report for September 2019:

Mr. Gambilonghi reported that Mr. Ronald Sendner, Acting County Engineer, presented and reviewed with the TCC the proposed list of projects for the Middlesex County FY2020 Annual State Aid Transportation Program.

As part of the Destination 2040 Master Plan a Municipal and Public Sector Stakeholders meeting on the freight section of the transportation element was held. The meeting involved the Freight Rail Industrial Opportunity (FRIO) Study recently completed by the NJTPA. The presentation was followed by a general discussion by the TCC members, municipal representatives and members of the public.

Under the NJTPA Activities the staff received for review and comments the draft NJDOT and NJ Transit FY2020 Study and Development (S&D) Program which includes ongoing projects and new projects on the NJTPA project pipeline for concept development work. FY2020 projects which are generated from this program become candidates for inclusion in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

There was a discussion between Committee Members and Staff regarding the Academy Bus situation and the Sayreville residents. Academy Bus will be cancelling all services as of November, 2019 from Sayreville to Wall Street.

Mr. Pollando moved, seconded by Mr. Freidman, to approve the Committee Report for September, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Development Review:
Mr. Matthew M. Vaughn

A. Committee Report for August 2019:

Mr. Ververides stated that the Committee's monthly activities development report for August, 2019 is in the folder.

Mr. Ververides stated that the Committee acted on a total of 37 development requests. Fees Collected for physical improvements and subdivision and site plan reviews are higher than this time last year.

Mr. Pollando moved, seconded by Ms. Goomer, to approve the Committee Reports for June and July 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Comprehensive Planning:
Ms. Rani Goomer

A. Update:

The Destination 2040 Comprehensive Master Plan team is continuing the completion of the outreach portion of the plan. The team is working closely with Jon Carnagie of the Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers and Rutgers staff who have been engaged by the County as consultants to the plan.

VII. Other Matters –

The next meeting is Tuesday, November 12, 2019.

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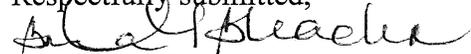
VIII. Public Comments – None

Mr. Freidman motioned to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Pollando. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Adjournment:

Since there was no further business to come before the Planning Board, on a motion made by Mr. Pollando, seconded by Ms. Goomer, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda L. Bleacher

Planning Board Secretary