

BOROUGH OF RARITAN
Virtual Land Use Board Meeting
MINUTES
May 27, 2020

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

The virtual meeting was called to order using Zoom at 6:11 p.m. The Board Secretary read the Open Public Meetings Act Notice into the record and provided an overview of virtual meeting protocol. Due to technical difficulties, recording did not begin until 6:16.

ROLL CALL

Present

Chairman Gausz
Mayor Bray
Ms. Thomas
Ms. Carra
Mr. Delacruz
Ms. Goetsch

Also Present

Frank Linnus, Board Attorney
Stan Schrek, Board Engineer
Angela Knowles, Board Planner
Lou Gara, Zoning/Construction Official
Larry Cohen, Esq.* (Executive Session Only)

Ms. Sherwin & Mr. Cunningham arrived late/were not present for roll call.

Absent

Councilman Carra
Mr. DeCicco
Mr. Singara
Mr. Krajewski

ENGINEERING REPORT

Mr. Schrek provided an update on engineering related matters.

CONSTRUCTION/ZONING OFFICIAL REPORT

Mr. Gara advised that 7Eleven was close to opening.

PLANNING REPORT/PEDESTRIAN BIKE&SAFETY COMMITTEE

Ms. Knowles advised that the first Technical Advisory Committee included approximately 20 participants. She advised that the Circulation Plan was ready for review. Discussion ensued on what steps to take prior to public hearing. The Board concluded to discuss the draft at the June meeting.

TRC MEETING UPDATE

Chairman Gausz advised that there had been no TRC meetings held and that there were none scheduled.

CANNABIS COMMITTEE

It was reported that there had been no new activity since the last update.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Gausz explained that the items listed under old business for future discussion.

Mr. Linnus advised that the attorney for the 57/59 Lagrange Street Redevelopment Plan was told to contact Borough Administration regarding the street vacation. Mr. Schrek added that the applicant needed to provide more information to the Borough in order to substantiate their request to vacate a right of way.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Board concluded to move discussion of the annual report to the June agenda.

Debbie Thomas recused at 6:26.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mayor Bray, **seconded** by Mr. Delacruz and unanimously carried to move into Executive Session in order to discuss pending litigation at 6:35. The Board Secretary read the resolution to adjourn to closed session into the record: **WHEREAS** the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey permits the public to be excluded for certain matters to be discussed by the Planning Board; and **WHEREAS**, the Planning Board desires to discuss pending litigation which is a matter where the exclusion of the public is permitted; and **WHEREAS**, public disclosure of the results of this discussion will be made as soon as the matter discussed has been resolved by the Governing Body of the Borough of Raritan. **NOW THEREOFRE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Planning Board of the Borough of Raritan that the aforesaid matter shall be discussed in closed session upon adoption of this resolution.

Roll Call:

Aye: Chairman Gausz, Mayor Bray, Ms. Cara, Mr. Delacruz, Ms. Goetsch

Nay:

Abstain:

Members of the public were moved into a virtual meeting room where public access was prohibited.

The Board returned from Executive Session and the public was admitted back into the regular session at 7:01. Mr. Cunningham was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Gausz opened the floor to public comment at 7:02.

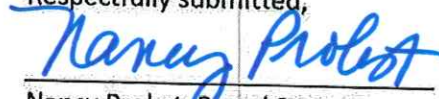
Resident Mike Dilette asked whether a Master Plan review was scheduled this year "for changing zoning." Ms. Knowles advised that there was not since a re-exam had just been adopted in 2017. She offered that planning initiatives might result in zoning changes and in response to comments about same, confirmed that the Borough did not need to wait the prescribed 10 years for another re-exam.

Ms. Sherwin joined the meeting at 7:05.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, **seconded** by Mayor Bray and unanimously carried to adjourn at _____.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Probst, Board Secretary

APPROVED _____