

BOROUGH OF RARITAN
Virtual Land Use Board Meeting
MINUTES
June 24, 2020

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

The virtual meeting was called to order using Zoom at 6:33 p.m. The Board Secretary read the Open Public Meetings Act Notice into the record and provided an overview of virtual meeting protocol.

ROLL CALL

Present

Chairman Gausz
Mayor Bray
Mr. Cunningham
Ms. Thomas
Ms. Carra
Mr. Delacruz
Ms. Goetsch
Ms. Sherwin
Mr. Krajewski

Also Present

Frank Linnus, Board Attorney
Larry Cohen, Esq.
Angela Knowles, Board Planner
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Absent

Councilman Carra
Mr. DeCicco
Mr. Singara

*Mr. Schrek arrived late/was not present for roll call.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Linnus made announcements regarding the Concept Plan for 33 Second Street and the 57/59 La Grange Street Redevelopment Plan.

ENGINEERING REPORT/CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL REPORTS

In the absence of Mr. Schrek and Mr. Gara there were no updates on engineering or construction.

TRC MEETING UPDATE

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

CANNABIS COMMITTEE

Mr. Cunningham advised that the Committee was waiting for feedback from Council. Mayor Bray advised that they were waiting for State Health Department approval on an application.

ANNUAL REPORT

The 2018-2019 Annual Report presented by Ms. Rubright in December was discussed and a resolution to accept same was adopted.

Mr. Delacruz made a **Motion** which was **seconded** and unanimously carried to adopt the annual report.

Roll Call:

Aye: Chairman Gausz, Mayor Bray, Mr. Cunningham, Ms. Thomas, Ms. Carra, Mr. Delacruz, Ms. Goetsch, Ms. Sherwin, Mr. Krajewski

Nay:

Abstain:

PLANNING REPORT/PEDESTRIAN BIKE&SAFETY COMMITTEE

Ms. Knowles presented a draft of the "2019 Circulation Plan Element & Bike-Pedestrian Safety Plan" which was discussed at length.

The Chairman polled the Board for questions at 7:29. Mr. Schrek provided comments. Mr. Cunningham, Ms. Sherwin and Ms. Goetsch asked questions relative to sidewalks.

The Chairman opened the floor to questions from the public at 7:38.

Paul Malarcher of Hidden Pond Court asked how Complete Streets guidelines were incorporated into the broader structure. Ms. Knowles advised that the Borough looked at Complete Streets.

Mr. Schrek suggested that the Borough undertake the project next year. Mayor Bray acknowledged. Ms. Schrek spoke briefly about Basilone Park.

Mr. Linnus provided an overview of the protocol for public hearing for the Master Plan Element. Dates for same were discussed. The Board thanked Angela for her work on the presentation.

Ms. Thomas recused at 8:04.

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 8:11. 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, Mr. Cunningham, Ms. Carra, Mr. Delacruz, Ms. Goetsch, Ms. Sherwin, Mr. Krajewski

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 8:36. Mr. Cohen logged out of the meeting at 8:40.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Gausz opened the floor to public comment at 8:40.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Goetsch, **seconded** by Mr. Delacruz and unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:57.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Probst, Board Secretary

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