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BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

October 16, 2014

ROLL CALL PRESENT: Eileen Boland, Lou Grasso, Mayor Moscaritolo, Vito Acquafredda, ~~John Monroe~~, Jeff Gewirtz, Tom Behrens, Kevin Duerr, Tom Kyritz, Robert Costa also Arthur Neiss Esq.

Ms. Bogart arrived at 8:45PM

Absent: David Glass, Mr. Costa, James Arakelian,

CALL MEETING TO ORDER 8:00PM

Mayor Moscaritolo - called the Planning Board meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

Salute to Flag

Sunshine Law (Open Public Meetings Act)

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by sending notices on December 20, 2013 to the Record and the Ridgewood News. By positioning on the Bulletin Board in the lobby of the Borough Hall and filing a notice of the same with the Municipal Clerk.

Approval of Minutes September 9-18-14

Vito Acquafredda makes a motion to table the minutes until his comments are elaborated on seconded by Kevin Duerr.

All in favor say Aye – All say Aye.

DISCUSSION

Changes on the Resolution. Everything will remain except a simple correction.

Mayor Moscaritolo – I have one suggestion, because there is more ambiguity because there are multiple times where this resolution says 286 multiply times so in the final condition paragraph should we write out "282" and then in ~~prentice~~ *parentheses* 282.

Mr. Gewitz – Makes a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Kyritz.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Acquafredda, Mr. Behrens, Mayor Moscaritolo, Kevin Duerr, Mr. Grasso, Mr. Gewirtz, and Mr. Kyritz. All vote yes.

Obstain – Mr. James Arakelian

Motion passes.

DISCUSSION

Historic Element

Arthur Neiss when the boro attempted to put into place an historic element back in the early 2000's I was unable to find the evidence it had been done in a

correct manner. So the preservation commission has been actively working toward redoing it and working with Bridgette Bogart in order to craft a new element. Bridgette and I are going to appear before the commission a week from last night at 8PM to go over what we have, what it is that they are going to be doing going forward. The hope is that we get on your agenda maybe next month. Hopefully by December. I will know better at our next month's meeting.

Complete Streets Checklist

Arthur Neiss – I would like to make sure that everyone is on the same page with regard to the checklist. Mayor I think you were a powerful force in getting this started. I have the basic checklist.

Mayor – I would like to ask Mr. Neiss to check with the Township of Chatham website because I believe that they have a similar checklist that maybe that may be useful to us. Send it to me and I will check it out and I will send it around.

Vito Acquafredda – This is to complete the site plan application and we have to come up with a limitation plan or a version of the check list that we think is suitable for the borough of River Edge. We are not reinventing the wheel we will use some of the other town's checklist and come up with a version. This is not meant to put up a road block to any development. I would rather have it to include parts of a checklist into the site plan.

Mayor – If those issues were addressed on a checklist then we wouldn't have to worry about anybody being hyper vigilant.

James Arakelian – 88 compliance is already covered by the building codes of the state of New Jersey. That shouldn't even have to be part of it. The checklist from what I gather is more geared to making River Edge a more pedestrian/bike friendly type town which I have concerns about which I will voice when we get further on this because the traffic that comes through River Edge is dangerous no matter what.

Arthur Neiss – There is someone in this room who has been laboring for 3 years to get signs on Kinderkamack Road. Secondly, what a checklist does is puts a developer on notice that it is going to have to acknowledge the policy of the town with regard to these kinds of issues.

James Arakelian – I would like to know how many towns in Bergen County have adopted this.

Arthur Neiss – I would like to make a recommendation that it might be more effective if after the board has before it the information about which towns are involved that 3 or more examples of a streets policy that you appoint a sub-committee to review it.

Kevin Duerr – If I am understanding what Mr. Behrens comments there are 3 components to an effective complete streets policy. One is to adopt the policy, Two is to have this checklist and Three is implementation. The final phase is where you craft the design standards.

Mayor – I would like the secretary to keep these three items on the agenda and maybe at our next meeting maybe we could have 3 examples of of some checklist so that we can pick one that is the most user friendly that fits our community and we can recommend that upstairs.

24 Hour Ordinance Recommendation

Kevin Duerr – The Mayor has asked us to make a recommendation.

Arthur Neiss – Bridgette has sent around her memorandum.

Mayor – I was looking for a little more direction from our planner as to the ordinance. It doesn't allow any operation between 11PM and 5AM unless you establish certain conditions. A security system, make change, having conspicuous signs, having a silent alarm that goes to a central location. Any

business that satisfies these conditions. I recommend that we make an amendment to this ordinance.

James Arakelian – Arthur if you would check what Garfields recommends I think it would benefit our town.

Mayor - We have like a skeleton shift with the police department and it there was ever a robbery a night if you got 2 police office's responding to the scene there would be no one else.

A buffer requirement I don't see it in our existing ordinance so if there was a business that wanted to be open 24 hours and it was next to a residential neighborhood we would prohibit that.

There are 3 24 hour, Diner, ^{DUNKIN' DONUTS AND McDonald's} ~~Stetlers~~,

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

Kevin Duerr – May I have a motion to close Mayor makes a motion to close, seconded by James Arakelian.

All in favor say Aye – All say Aye.

Respectfully submitted by,

Marijane Brandau