

MINUTES
PLANNING BOARD
BOROUGH OF NEW PROVIDENCE
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017

A. CALL TO ORDER 8:09 p.m.

B. PUBLIC NOTICE: This is a Public Meeting of the Planning Board of the Borough of New Providence, County of Union, and State of New Jersey. Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, in that an Annual Notice or Revision was made in conformance with Section 13 of the Act.

C. ROLL CALL: Present: Gene Castagna, Matt Cumiskey, Bill Hoefling, Gary Kapner, John Keane, Chairman Lesnewich and Robert Sartorius. Absent: Mayor Morgan and Denise Torsiello. Also present: Amanda Wolfe, Board Attorney; John Barree, Borough Planner; Keith Lynch, Director of Planning and Development; and, Margaret Koontz, Secretary.

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

E. PUBLIC HEARING - MASTER PLAN REEXAMINATION REPORT 2017

The Board reviewed the Master Plan Reexamination Report 2017 at its meeting on April 4, 2017, and recommended several changes. Heyer, Gruel & Associates, which prepared the Master Plan, incorporated the changes into the Master Plan which was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. The purpose of the Master Plan Reexamination Report is to move forward the zoning ordinance amendments for the Housing Element and Fair Share Housing Plan and the Downtown Master Plan. The Board reviewed the changes to the Master Plan and believes that it has done its due diligence. There was no further discussion among the Board and the hearing was opened to questions from the public. Being none, the hearing was open to comments from the public. There were no comments from the public and the hearing was closed.

Mr. Kapner moved to approve the resolution adopting the Master Plan Reexamination Report 2017 and Mr. Sartorius seconded the motion. Members voting in favor: Mr. Cumiskey, Mr. Hoefling, Mr. Kapner, Mr. Keane, Mr. Sartorius, Mr. Castagna and Chairman Lesnewich.

The Board reviewed the implementing ordinances (Chapters 310, 275, 285 and Development Fee ordinance) at the March 7th and April 4th meetings. The implementing ordinances were also sent to the Court Master. Upon review, the Court Master asked for the ordinances to be

converted to a template that was provided to Heyer, Gruel & Associates. Heyer, Gruel & Associates will reformat the ordinances and distribute them to the Board for review prior its next meeting on May 9th. If all is in order, the Board will approve the resolution indicating consistency of the proposed amendments to Chapters 275 and 285 and Section 310 with the Borough's Master Plan. Mr. Barree informed the Board that Council can still introduce the implementing ordinances on May 8th for a public hearing on May 22nd. The Board discussed contingencies should there be a problem with getting the ordinances reformatted or if things don't go according to plan at the Council meeting on May 8th. Mr. Kapner assured the Board that it is unlikely that anything is going to change with the ordinances when reformatted and the planner is on top of this. Worst case, the Board could hold a special meeting to adopt the resolution indicating consistency of the amendments with the Master Plan Reexamination Report 2017 following a review of the reformatted ordinances.

F. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

G. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

No miscellaneous business.

H. MINUTES

Mr. Hoefling moved to approve the minutes of April 4, 2017, as submitted. Mr. Keane seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

I. ADJOURNMENT

J. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Koontz
Planning Board Secretary