

M I N U T E S

Of The

ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

June 26, 1957

The members of the Advisory Planning Commission met in the conference room at 520 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey. The Chairman, Mr. Fred G. Stickel, III, called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

Those present were:

Fred G. Stickel, III, Chairman ✓
Herbert H. Smith, Vice-Chairman
H. Thomas Carr, Secretary ✓

William A. Bloom ✓
B. Budd Chavooshian ✓
Edward B. Wilkens ✓

Those not present:

Louis Danzig —
C. Rexford Davis
Alexander Feinberg ✓
Alfred H. Fletcher ✓
Joseph M. Healey —
William Holster ✓
Denis W. Maloney ✓
Philip A. McLaughlin ✓
William A. Sutherland —

The Chairman expressed his concern about the lack of attendance, especially members who fail to appear at most of the meetings and asked for an attendance record of each member since the creation of this Commission. It was suggested by the Chairman that a letter be sent to those members who have attended less than 70% of the meetings inquiring as to their attendance in the future, as he felt it only fair to the agencies represented on this Commission to be fairly well represented at these meetings.

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The Chairman informed the members present that he was appointed by the Governor to serve on another commission to study and revise Title 40, the Municipal and County Laws, and discussed this with members present as to whether or not conflict of interests would arise from his status on the two commissions, as policy decisions would have to be made. It was the consensus that rather than conflict arising, the Chairman could act as a liaison between the two agencies.

Revision of the Zoning Enabling Act was mentioned, at which time the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Herbert H. Smith, discussed the zoning revision prepared by Mr. Curtis Meanor for the Department of Conservation and Economic Development in 1954, which he stated was an excellent job. After discussing various phases of this revision, it was suggested that a copy be sent to Mr. David Thompson of the Governor's office.

The Chairman inquired of Dr. Wilkens, Chairman of the subcommittee formed to analyze the County Planning Enabling Act, what transpired at the subcommittee's recent meeting. Dr. Wilkens handed a copy of the New Jersey County Planners Association's Legislative Committee's Report -- County Planning Law Revisions -- to each member present which included revisions of 40:27-7; 40:27-12 through 40:27-16 and stated that the subcommittee recommends the above-mentioned revisions to the County Planning Legislation to be affected at the earliest possible date, and stated that a further study of the County Enabling Act would be made at a later date with a view to separating the county laws from the regional planning laws. (A copy of the above-mentioned report is to be forwarded to the members who were not present at this meeting). After discussing this matter, it was felt that the concept of this act should be changed, having a regional agency to

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review matters within which a county planning board could operate. The Chairman suggested that this committee further its work on the revision of the county planning legislation as soon as possible so that it can be incorporated into the revision of Title 40. Dr. Wilkens reported at this time that his committee had no difficulty in arousing the interest of most of the county planners. The Chairman also suggested that a review of the county planning acts in other parts of the country might be advisable, to which the Vice-Chairman recommended a review of the Wisconsin Act and the California Act, expressing his belief as to their adequacy.

It was reported at this time that, due to a press of other matters and the difficulty reached in getting all members of the Municipal Subcommittee together, nothing has been accomplished to date. The Chairman stated that he was not in accord completely with the membership of this subcommittee and expressed an opinion that someone in the field of planning should be represented on this committee. After discussing this matter with the members present, the Chairman took the privilege of the Chair and made a change of membership on the Municipal Subcommittee to include the Vice-Chairman, Herbert H. Smith, who previously appeared (see Minutes of April 24) as a member of the County Subcommittee. Mr. Smith, upon request of the Chairman, set up a meeting of the Municipal Subcommittee to be held on Thursday, July 25, 1957, at 3 p.m. in his office (Community Planning Associates, Inc.) at 92-A Nassau Street, Princeton, New Jersey - notices of this meeting will be mailed to all members of this subcommittee.

The Chairman inquired of the members present the Commission's plan at this time regarding the Municipal Planning Act and what should be covered at the July 25th meeting. It was agreed that a review by this sub-

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committee of all comments and criticisms should be made which, in turn, would be discussed at this meeting.

The Chairman brought up the topic of the First Annual Report of the Advisory Planning Commission, and discussed with the members present what future action should be taken by this Commission with regard to obtaining reaction from the Legislature, at which time it was suggested that Senator Richard R. Stout, who was a sponsor of the Bill creating this Commission, should be reached for comment. Upon motion made and seconded the Chairman, Fred G. Stickel, III, is to write to Senator Stout in connection with this matter.

Inasmuch as there will be meetings of the two subcommittees -- Municipal and County -- in July, the next meeting of the full Commission will be held on Wednesday, August 28, 1957, at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room at 520 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

This meeting was concluded at 3:45 p.m.