

M I N U T E S

Of The

ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

October 30, 1957

The members of the Advisory Planning Commission met in the conference room at 520 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey. The Vice-Chairman, Mr. Herbert H. Smith, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Those present were:

Messrs. Herbert H. Smith, Vice-Chairman
H. Thomas Carr, Secretary

William A. Bloom
B. Budd Chavooshian
Alfred H. Fletcher
Denis W. Maloney
Philip A. McLaughlin
William A. Sutherland

Those absent:

Fred G. Stickel, Chairman
William Holster
Joseph M. Healey
Louis Danzig
Alexander Feinberg
Edward B. Wilkens

The Minutes of September 25, 1957, were approved as distributed.

Mr. Philip A. McLaughlin reported on the memorial services held in the Chapel at Rutgers, the State University, in honor of the late Dr. Davis, stating that it was well-attended. Mr. McLaughlin spoke to the widow of Dr. Davis, expressing his sorrow in behalf of the Commission of the passing of Dr. Davis.

The Vice-Chairman suggested that Mr. Chavooshian get in touch with

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Mr. David Thompson, of the Governor's office, in reference to a replacement of Dr. Davis, inasmuch as the Commission has not heard from Mr. Thompson to date.

This brought up the question of attendance of Mayor Joseph M. Healey, representative of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, and Mr. Louis Danzig, representative of the New Jersey Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authorities. Mention was made that Mr. Robert Fust, Executive Director of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, was to replace Mayor Healey inasmuch as Mr. Healey's press of business matters prevent him from attending the regular monthly meetings of this Commission. Mr. Danzig, it was understood, would like to continue membership on the Commission.

The Vice-Chairman reminded the members present that at the close of this meeting a joint-meeting would be held with the Legislative Committee of the New Jersey Federation of Official Planning Boards for the purpose of discussing with them the differences of opinions of approach concerning a report which the Committee published and distributed in reference to the Advisory Planning Commission's First Annual Report, and suggested that this Commission approach this subject with some degree of agreement on the part of the members of the Advisory Planning Commission as to achievement from this discussion. Mr. Smith also suggested that items to be discussed should be reviewed at this meeting for presentation at the joint-meeting.

This, again, brought up the criticisms of the Legislative Committee's Report. Following a discussion of the report, it was decided not to discuss each item of criticism mentioned in the Committee's report (time

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for which all concerned probably would not be prepared to give), but to discuss ways and means of bringing about a better understanding of the workings of the two groups involved so that the relationship between them could be strengthened.

At this point the Vice-Chairman spoke of a bill, now pending, which, if passed, could eliminate municipal planning boards, giving the authority to the governing body to undertake all planning functions presently delegated to the planning board. In this connection, the Vice-Chairman stated that it behooves the Commission to strengthen relationships with all those interested in planning to prevent the passage of such a bill. It was the Commission's collective thinking that it is hopeful that the basic purpose of the joint-meeting to follow would be to reach a point where any differences of technique of approach which had arisen in the past could be resolved and forgotten, and to determine how the two groups can work together to, at least, preserve the basic principles and integrity of sound community planning.

The next item of business was the suggested draft of the Map Filing Act, Chapter 358, which was submitted by Mr. William Holster. It was suggested that the draft be studied thoroughly to see if there is any conflict with the planning legislation, and that the Commission be prepared at the next monthly meeting to discuss it.

The County Planning Act was mentioned for discussion. However, since Dr. Wilkens was unable to attend this meeting, it was decided to defer action until a report was received from him.

The Interim Report of the Municipal Planning Subcommittee, of the New Jersey Advisory Planning Commission, was reported on by its Chairman, Mr. Herbert H. Smith, and a report, dated October 25, 1956, of the New

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Jersey Affairs Committee, New York Chapter, A.I.P. concerning proposed changes to the Act, was referred to by the Vice-Chairman in this connection (copies each of which were forwarded to each member of the Commission). Each item mentioned in the Interim Report of the Municipal Subcommittee was read aloud by the Chairman of the Subcommittee; recommendations in answer to the A.I.P.'s suggestions reviewed; after which discussions by the Commission followed culminating in the following action:-
Recommendations outlined in the Interim-Report of the Municipal Subcommittee:

- 1) R.S. 40:55-1.4 PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS - CLASSES - It was moved, seconded and carried that this recommendation be accepted.
- 2) R.S. 40:55-1.7 HEARING - PUBLICATION OF NOTICE - Mr. Smith entertained a motion that this recommendation be received for further study and action at the next meeting of the Commission. It was moved, seconded and carried that this recommendation be taken up at the next meeting.
- 3) R.S. 40:55-1.18 TENTATIVE APPROVAL - After much discussion of this phase of the Act, it was moved, seconded and carried that Item 3 be accepted. In this connection Mr. William A. Sutherland suggested that following the meeting of the A.I.P. (which meeting is suggested in Item 3) a full report be given to the entire Commission as to the discussion and any results thereof.
- 4) R.S. 40:55-1.18 TIME LIMIT - It was moved, seconded and carried that Item 4 be indicated as having been received, but that it be held for future thought, discussion and future action.
- 5) R.S. 40:55-1.20 CONDITIONS FOR APPROVING PLATS - It was moved, seconded and carried that it be indicated that this item has been received and held for further discussion and action.
- 6) Without motion it was received and held: no action to be taken until above matters are fully considered and resolved.

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- 7) It was the consensus of the members present that it would be desirable to get some reaction of the Legislators to the Commission's First Annual Report before proceeding with any changes.

In conclusion the Vice-Chairman expressed his desire to generate action on the Second Annual Report, which topic is to be discussed at the next meeting, which is to be held on Wednesday, November 27, 1957, at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room at 520 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

The Commission rose at 5:00 p.m. to convene with the Legislative Committee of the New Jersey Federation of Official Planning Boards at a dinner-meeting immediately following the adjournment of this meeting.