

M I N U T E S

Of The

ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

January 29, 1958

The members of the Advisory Planning Commission met in the conference room at 520 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Fred G. Stickel, III, at 2:00 p.m.

Those present were:

Messrs.

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

Alexander Feinberg
Alfred H. Fletcher
William Holster
Philip A. McLaughlin
William A. Sutherland
Edward B. Wilkens

Those absent were:

Messrs.

William A. Bloom
B. Budd Chavooshian
Louis Danzig
Denis W. Maloney

The Chairman read aloud to the members present a letter received from Mrs. C. Rexford Davis, wife of the late Dr. Davis, former member of the Advisory Planning Commission, in reply to a letter written to Mrs. Davis by Dr. E. B. Wilkens in behalf of the Commission in reference to a memorial resolution to Dr. Davis. The letter is as follows:

"R.D. 3 Highwood
Box 494 Easton Avenue
New Brunswick, New Jersey

December 20, 1957

Dear Dr. Wilkens:

I appreciate the efforts made by the members of the planning commission in drawing up and sending me the memorial resolution to Rex. He was so pleased to be assigned to the commission and I was very surprised when he announced he had resigned. It now indicates how poor his health was when he felt he could not do so much.

It is extremely kind to have this sent at this season when I am missing him so much.

Please thank the other members of the commission, and particularly Mr. Stickel.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) Mildred Davis
(Mrs. C. Rexford Davis)"

The Chairman also read aloud a letter written to him by one Gilbert D. Chamberlin, Counsellor-at-Law in Hillside, New Jersey, and Secretary of the Association of School Attorneys, contents of which follows:

"January 2, 1958

Fred Stickel, III, Esq.,
571 Pompton Avenue
Cedar Grove, N. J.

Dear Sir:

I am Secretary of the Association of School Attorneys. At a recent meeting of the Association, the following resolution was adopted and I am communicating its text to you as therein directed.

Resolved that the Municipal Planning Act (1953)

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R.S. 40:55-1.1 et. seq. be amended so that R.S. 40:55-1.13 shall apply only to the acquisition of land by Boards of Education and shall not apply to the financing of the project or to the construction of the building and that the views of the Association be communicated by the Secretary to Fred Stickel, III, Esquire.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Gilbert D. Chamberlin

Gilbert D. Chamberlin"

A lengthy discussion followed concerning the proposed amendment to R. S. 40:55-1.13, suggested by the above-mentioned association, after which the Chairman called for an opinion from those present in reference to this suggested amendment, which resulted in a move, which was seconded and carried, that the Chairman of this Commission communicate with the Association of School Attorneys informing that association that the Attorney General's opinion answers the problem which they present; furthermore, to inform the School Attorneys that it is the collective thinking of the Advisory Planning Commission that there should be no change in Section 13 to apply only to the acquisition of land and the location of schools.

The order of the day - the draft of the Advisory Planning Commission's Second Annual Report - was brought to mind by the Chairman who asked for comments concerning a preliminary draft of the Second Annual Report which had been forwarded to each member of this Commission. At this time, each page of this preliminary draft was reviewed and studied by those present, and suggested changes such as sentence construction, re-organization of topics and amendments to items in reference to meetings, public relations and scope of activities were decided upon at this meeting. Copies of the second draft will be forwarded to each member for further re-

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view before placing it in the hands of the printer. At this time, the Chairman entertained a motion that the Second Annual Report of the Advisory Planning Commission, as prepared by Mr. B. Budd Chavooshian and Mr. Fred G. Stickel, III, with amendments, be adopted. It was moved, seconded and carried that this report with amendments be adopted as the Second Annual Report of the Advisory Planning Commission.

The question of printing arose, at which time the Chairman informed those present that Senator Richard R. Stout is to make provision for this item.

In reviewing the draft of the Second Annual Report, such questions arose as to the reaction of Legislature to the First Annual Report, and what procedure is to be established whereby the Commission could be notified of certain bills and given the opportunity to express an opinion in relation thereto. Mr. Alexander Feinberg, representative of the New Jersey Home Builders Association, was of the opinion that a liaison committee - 3 or 4 members of this Commission - should be formed to meet with heads of both houses of the Legislature to review the recommendations submitted by this Commission in order to get these recommendations acted upon affirmatively and suggested that: (a) the Legislative Committee be requested to obtain from this Commission an opinion on all bills of a planning nature before processing; (b) to follow through on proposed legislation.

In this connection, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that a committee be formed to determine the best way to establish a liaison with Legislature. Those appointed to act in this capacity are:

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- 1) Mr. Alexander Feinberg
- 2) Mr. Herbert H. Smith
- 3) Mr. Fred G. Stickel, III
- 4) Mr. William A. Sutherland

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. The next meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, February 27, 1958, at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room at 520 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey.