

MINUTES Of The  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
Of The  
ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

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April 10, 1956

The Commission authorized by Joint Resolution No. 16 for the purposes of studying municipal and county planning was convened in the office of the Governor at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 1956. The Governor greeted each member of the Commission and expressed his appreciation for their participation in this project. The Governor then commented briefly on the importance of planning throughout New Jersey, particularly to each of the municipalities. He expressed the hope that this Commission would serve a valuable purpose and then wished it every success in its endeavor. He suggested that the Commission then get together in a conference room in the Department of Conservation and Economic Development in order to organize itself.

The Commission then formally convened in its first meeting in the offices of the Department of Conservation and Economic Development on April 10, 1956, for the purpose of organizing in relation to duties and activities.

Those present were:

William A. Bloom  
H. Thomas Carr  
Louis Danzig  
C. Rexford Davis  
Alexander Feinberg  
Joseph M. Healey  
William Holster  
Herbert H. Smith  
Fred G. Stickel, III  
William A. Sutherland  
Carl E. Weigele, M.D.  
Edward B. Wilkens

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Salvatore A. Bontempo (Acting for Commissioner  
Joseph E. McLean)

Walter E. Brennfleck (Acting for Chief of the  
Bureau of Planning)

Mr. Salvatore A. Bontempo, representing Commissioner Joseph E. McLean, brought the meeting to order and suggested the nomination of officers.

Upon motions seconded and carried, Mr. Fred G. Stickel was named Chairman of the Commission; Mr. Herbert H. Smith, Vice Chairman; and Mr. H. Thomas Carr, Secretary.

After election of officers, it was decided to hold all subsequent meetings on the first Thursday of each month at ten o'clock in the office of the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Economic Development. The next meeting is scheduled for May 3, 1956.

It was suggested by the Chairman that each member get a complete set of laws pertaining to planning for further study and review which are to be discussed in connection with amendments, etc., at the next meeting.

The Chairman said the Commission should seek suggestions and opinions from individuals and organizations interested in planning and suggested that any criticisms should be directed to the office of the Bureau of Planning, State House Annex, room 424. Prior to the next meeting a report should be obtained from the agency each member represents in connection with the work of the Commission and subcommittees will then be formed to work on problems that the Commission is required to handle.

It was also pointed out that suggestions may have to be made to the Legislature that the powers and scope of duties of the Commission be broadened inasmuch as the Governor and Legislature are looking to the Commission to

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assist them in determining the importance or unimportance of proposed planning legislation.

It was proposed that the Commission be supplied with a list of the members and that arrangements be made to get copies of all legislation pertaining to planning and zoning. It was further stated that it is to be hoped that the Legislature will not take any action on a bill that would affect planning until the Commission makes a close study.

Mr. Bontempo suggested that the Chairman and Vice Chairman meet with the new Planning Chief, Mr. B. Budd Chavooshian, previous to the next meeting to get his views on the Commission.

At the close of the meeting, it was strongly urged by the Chairman that each member of the Commission feel free to express openly his views on planning legislation and that each member support the Commission with all the strength which he commands.

The meeting adjourned at three o'clock. The next meeting is scheduled for May 3, 1956.