

M I N U T E S
OF THE
ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

December 17, 1958

PLACE AND
TIME OF
MEETING

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 2:15 p. m.

ATTENDANCE

The members present were:

Messrs.

Herbert H. Smith, Vice-Chairman
H. Thomas Carr, Secretary
B. Budd Chavooshian
Alfred H. Fletcher
Robert H. Fust
William Holster
Denis W. Maloney
Philip A. McLaughlin

Those absent were:

Messrs.

Fred G. Stickel, III, Chairman
William A. Bloom
Louis Danzig
Alexander Feinberg
Edward B. Wilkens

The Vice-Chairman, Mr. Herbert H. Smith, reported that the Chairman, Mr. Fred G. Stickel, III, had informed him that he would be unable to attend this meeting as he had business in court. Through the Vice-Chairman, the Chairman expressed his regrets at not being able to attend and extended his best wishes to everyone for a happy holiday season.

The Vice-Chairman stated that Mr. Alexander Feinberg had been in touch with him at which time he had notified him that he

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would be unable to attend this meeting as he, too, had business in court.

MEMBERSHIP
REPLACEMENT

(Mr. Thomas
W. Zito)

The Vice-Chairman reported that the most recent information he had received from the Chairman in reference to the replacement of the late Dr. Davis was that the State Federation of District Boards of Education in New Jersey had submitted a list of names to the Governor's office from which list a Mr. Thomas W. Zito, of the Passaic Board of Education, had been appointed a member of this Commission, representing the State Federation of District Boards of Education in New Jersey. The Chairman informed the Vice-Chairman that he had written to Mr. Zito welcoming him to this Commission. In reply thereto, Mr. Zito stated that he could not quite understand his appointment to this Commission as his term with the District Boards of Education expires January 31, 1959. He further stated that he saw little reason for his participation in this Commission's activities since the expiration of his term is so near at hand. This matter is to be held in abeyance waiting further word from the Chairman.

(Mr. William
A. Sutherland)

The Chairman also informed the Vice-Chairman that he had been in touch with Mr. William A. Sutherland, who had tendered his resignation to this Commission, informing him that if he wished to resign, his resignation should officially be submitted to the Governor's office. Upon recent information from the Governor's office, the Chairman was informed that the resignation of Mr. Sutherland had not been submitted, nor had there been any names submitted for a replacement by the New Jersey Federation of Official Planning Boards, which agency

Mr. Sutherland represented on this Commission.

BILLS 567
THROUGH
574

(Reprint-
ing)

The next item of business was the discussion of the reprinting of Bills 567 through 574. Mr. Robert H. Fust, representative of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities on this Commission, replied that copies of these bills were distributed at the League's annual conference which was held in Atlantic City in November of this year; at that time the supply was exhausted, and that names and addresses of those requesting copies - after the supply had been exhausted - were taken and filed. Mr. Fust reported that he believed the number of requests approximated fifty.

(NJFOPB'S
Report on
APC'S First
Annual Re-
port)

The report of the New Jersey Federation of Official Planning Boards on the Advisory Planning Commission's First Annual Report (from which the recommendations there were submitted in the form of Bills 567-574) was discussed in part, at which time Mr. William Holster informed those present that it was his understanding that, at a joint-meeting of the Legislative Committee of the New Jersey Federation of Official Planning Boards and the Advisory Planning Commission held in October of 1957, the Federation of Official Planning Boards (hereinafter referred to as the Federation) was to forward to this Commission another report in place of the one in question. Mr. Alfred H. Fletcher remarked at this time that it was his understanding, also, that this Commission was not to consider the report of the Legislative Committee of the Federation as final. At this time, Mr. Philip A. McLaughlin presented a copy

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of the minutes of the above-mentioned joint-meeting, which were dated October 30, 1957, to the Vice-Chairman. These minutes were read aloud by the Vice-Chairman, in which minutes it was stated ... "Mr. Stickel suggested the report be put in the proper form for presentation to this Commission through its representative, Mr. Sutherland. Mr. Sutherland suggested that this matter be taken into consideration at the next meeting of the Federation after which he will report to the A.P.C." ...

The Vice-Chairman urged the members present to reread the minutes of the joint-meeting of the Federation and the Advisory Planning Commission in order to refresh their minds of the contents therein.

A lengthy discussion followed after which it was brought to mind that, inasmuch as Mr. Sutherland has resigned and that the Federation has had an election of new officers, the Legislative Committee of the Federation is at present in a state of limbo - with a committee which, at the present time, does not have a portfolio. It was mentioned that, at the last meeting of the Officers and Board of Directors of the Federation, Bills 567 and 573 were discussed, and that they voted to oppose these two bills. A letter written by Mr. Henry Williams to Mr. Robert Fust, as Director of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, in reference to the opposition of these two bills was brought to the attention of this Commission by Mr. Fust, which letter was read aloud. The Vice-Chairman reminded those present that when the Legislative Committee of the Federation was in existence, at the time said committee submitted its

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report on the Advisory Planning Commission's First Annual Report, Mr. Henry Williams was President of the Federation, but that his term has expired, leaving him with no official status with that agency. The question was raised, therefore, as to whether or not this letter (referred to above) should receive cognizance. At this time, Mr. Holster moved that this Commission should not take action until such time as the Federation's representative has been appointed to this Commission and that the Chairman of this Commission, Mr. Fred G. Stickel, III, get in touch with Mr. Leo J. Carling, Jr., who is now President of the Federation, on the question of the Federation's representative to this Commission in an attempt to expedite the appointment of a representative of the Federation to this Commission. This motion was seconded and carried.

(NJFOPB
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(Reintro-
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Bills
567-574)

The Vice-Chairman informed those present that, technically, Bills 567 through 574 are dead by the demise of the present Legislature, but that they could be reintroduced next year, further stating that, legally, this Commission could do nothing until this action is taken. The Vice-Chairman inquired of the members present their pleasure in this connection, questioning whether the bills should be tabled or whether the Chairman should pursue this matter.

After discussing this matter with those present, the Vice-Chairman suggested that: (1) instead of forging ahead immediately, the Chairman should get in touch with Assemblyman Martin Kesselhaut to have him reintroduce the bills, obtain the name of the new committee chairman (State, County and Municipal Government) and proceed accordingly; (2) utilize the State Planning Conference (February 5, 1959)

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as a sounding board on the bills to determine possible interest and opinion. Mr. B. Budd Chavooshian is to meet with the Chairman of this Commission to determine if time can be afforded to discuss these bills in public at the conference.

It was moved that the Chairman is to get in touch with Assemblyman Kesselhaut to request that, upon reintroduction extra bills be printed for distribution at the Annual State Planning Conference, and also to get in touch with the new committee chairman on the subject of public hearings and try to work out something at the State Planning Conference to put these bills forward. Motion was duly seconded and carried.

In further reference to public hearings, the Commission was informed by the Vice-Chairman that the Chairman had written to Assemblyman Vincent R. Panaro seeking information as to whether or not Mr. Panaro's committee (State, County and Municipal Government) plans to conduct public hearings on these bills. The Chairman stated in his letter to Mr. Panaro that in the event that his committee is not contemplating holding public hearings, this Commission would do so, which hearings, he believed, should be held in January or February of next year. As of this meeting, the Chairman had not heard from Mr. Panaro.

The Vice-Chairman inquired of Mr. Philip A. McLaughlin if he had anything to report in connection with the meeting of the New Jersey Utilities Association, mentioned in the minutes of October 22. Mr. McLaughlin informed the members present that he had nothing to report in connection with the above-mentioned meet-

(Public Hearings)

MEETING WITH
NEW JERSEY
UTILITIES
ASSOCIATION

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ing at this time in that a member of the Association was unable to go over the proposal, but that a report would be ready to be submitted to each member of this Commission for review at the next meeting of this Commission.

IMPOSITION
OF FEES BY
PLANNING
BOARDS RE:
DEDICATION
OF LAND

The question was raised as to whether or not Mr. Skillman, Director of the Division of Local Government, had a report to submit to this Commission at this time in reference to the imposition of fees by planning boards. The Vice-Chairman informed those present that Mr. Skillman had nothing to report on his findings at the present time. Mr. Skillman further stated that he is very much interested in the activities of this Commission and desires to be kept in close liaison with it.

With regard to the survey undertaken by the State Planning Bureau in this connection, Mr. B. Budd Chavooshian reported that it is now complete; has been tabulated and will shortly be written in its final form, after which a copy will be submitted to each member of this Commission.

SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING TO
DISCUSS THE
"GUIDE"

The Vice-Chairman informed those present that the subcommittee (H. Thomas Carr, B. Budd Chavooshian, William Holster, Denis W. Maloney, and Herbert H. Smith), along with the Principal Planner of the State Bureau of Planning, Walter E. Brennfleck, met to discuss "A Guide for the Preparation of Municipal Land Sub-Division Control Ordinances" and asked Mr. Holster to report thereon. Mr. Holster informed those present that the "Guide" had been discussed at length and that the subcommittee had arrived at the conclusion that: (1) the State Planning Bureau is justified in putting out a guide; (2) this guide can well stand some revision, in light of the four years' experience therewith; (3) it would be the subcom-

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mittee's recommendation that this revision be a job of the State Planning Bureau with this Bureau appointing its own committee for technical advice, if such is deemed desirable. Mr. Holster continued, stating that it was felt by the subcommittee that the "Guide" is essential and needed and worthy of revision which revision should be handled as a staff function of the Bureau of Planning. At this time the Chair recognized a motion for acceptance of the subcommittee's report. It was moved, seconded and carried that the subcommittee's report be accepted.

COUNTY
PLANNING

The Vice-Chairman inquired of the County Subcommittee members present if they had anything to report on county planning. It was reported that a meeting was believed to have been held in Atlantic City, at some time during the Annual Conference of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, but that a definite report on progress was not in readiness. The Vice-Chairman stated that these minutes should serve as a reminder to Dr. Edward B. Wilkens that this Commission would like a report on this activity by the January meeting.

OFFICIAL
MAP ACT

At the close of the meeting the Secretary, Mr. H. Thomas Carr, inquired of the status of the Official Map Act; application for status, etc., which topic is to be discussed at the next meeting of this Commission.

THIRD ANNUAL
REPORT OF THE
ADVISORY PLAN-
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SION

The Vice-Chairman also informed those present that the status of the Annual Report of this Commission should be discussed at the next meeting and that he would remind the Chairman of this.

NEXT MEETING
OF THE ADVI-
SORY PLANNING
COMMISSION

The next meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 1959, at 2:00 p. m. in the confer-

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ence room of Commissioner Salvatore A. Bontempo, whose offices are located at 205 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey. All future meetings of this Commission will be held thereat on the last Wednesday of each month unless the members of this Commission are notified otherwise.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was concluded at 4:00 p.m.

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