

M I N U T E S

Of The

ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

April 24, 1957

The members of the Advisory Planning Commission met in the conference room at 520 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey. In the absence of both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Mr. B. Budd Chavooshian chaired the meeting, which was called to order at 1:55 p.m.

Those present were:

H. Thomas Carr, Secretary
William A. Bloom
B. Budd Chavooshian
C. Rexford Davis
Alexander Feinberg
Alfred H. Fletcher
Denis T. Maloney
Philip A. McLaughlin
William A. Sutherland
Edward B. Wilkens

Those not present:

Fred G. Stickel, III, Chairman
Herbert H. Smith, Vice-Chairman
Louis Danzig
Joseph M. Healey
William Holster

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

The Acting Chairman, Mr. B. Budd Chavooshian, asked for comments regarding the previous meeting - at which meeting ten counties were represented to express their views concerning the New Jersey County and Regional Planning Enabling Act - and what had been decided in this connection. After discussing the meeting which was held with the county representatives, it was suggested that the first move by the Advisory Planning Commission should be to solicit action by the New Jersey County Planners Association,

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which association is at present working on suggested revisions which, it feels, will improve the County Planning Act.

The Acting Chairman suggested that the membership of this Commission be divided into two subcommittees at this particular time to give further study to the municipal and the county planning legislation, and operate thusly until the Municipal Planning Act is finalized. After discussing this item, it was moved, seconded and carried that the two subcommittees be formed. The following members were appointed to serve on the above-mentioned subcommittees:

Municipal

Fred G. Stickel
H. Thomas Carr
Louis Danzig
Alexander Feinberg
Joseph M. Healey
William Holster
Denis W. Maloney

County

Edward B. Wilkens
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Mr. Fred G. Stickel, III, was appointed to serve as temporary chairman of the subcommittee to work on the Municipal Planning Act - a permanent chairman would be elected by the subcommittee at its first meeting, thereby permitting Mr. Stickel to act as an ex officio member of both subcommittees. Dr. Edward B. Wilkens was appointed as chairman of the subcommittee formed to work on the County Planning Act. Dr. Wilkens reminded the Commission that there would be times, perhaps, when either subcommittee would be enlarged, depending upon particular matters to be settled.

The Acting Chairman suggested that the Municipal Subcommittee review all material that has been submitted in the past and submit items which the subcommittee felt should be brought to the attention of this Commission,

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and that the County Subcommittee review items suggested for revision by the NJCPA and submit its report.

The subject of public hearings was brought up for discussion and the question raised as to how they should be conducted and if there should be a time limit set for those expressing their views, in order to enable all representatives to be heard. It was suggested that these hearings be handled in the same manner as general panel discussions - the chairman to act as moderator and to have a question and answer period. It was agreed that the subcommittee working on the Municipal Planning Act would make all arrangements for public hearings, pending the approval of the full Commission.

The Acting Chairman asked the members present if they had any particular items to be brought up for discussion at this meeting, to which Mr. Fletcher, of the Health Department, replied that there is at present a Bill in the hopper which would place a great deal of authority in the hands of the State in planning drainage of the State. The legislation to which Mr. Fletcher referred is, however, Senate Joint Resolution No. 14, which was introduced by Senators Lynch and Stout on April 22, 1957. Mr. Sutherland remarked that he knew of the contents of this resolution and stated that the New Jersey Federation of Official Planning Boards was in favor of it. It was mentioned at this time that the New Jersey County Planners Association and the Engineers were also in favor of this legislation.

The Acting Chairman informed the members present that approval had been received from the Governor and the Legislators for the release of the First Annual Report of the Advisory Planning Commission to the public, which posed the question of financing the reprinting of this report and also other expenses which will be incurred by this Commission.

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Mr. Feinberg informed the Commission that Assemblyman Alfred N. Beadleston is sympathetic toward the Commission in seeking funds to enable the Commission to function properly, and it was suggested that the Chairman, Mr. Fred G. Stickel, III, write a letter to the Legislature requesting additional funds for the reprinting of this report, etc. Mr. Feinberg also expressed his belief that each municipality (567) should receive a copy of this report. A suggestion was also made that the Chairman request funds to cover the cost of the proposed hearings.

The question of meetings - subcommittees and the full Commission's regular monthly meeting - was raised for discussion. It was agreed that the Chairmen of the newly formed municipal and county subcommittees arrange to hold meetings of their respective subcommittees prior to the next meeting of the full Commission in order to be able to submit reports to this Commission concerning the Municipal and the County Planning Enabling Acts. It was announced by the Acting Chairman that the regular monthly meeting of this Commission will not be held during the month of May, as the Annual Planning Conference is to be held on May 22nd at Rutgers, the State University, and set the date of the next meeting of the full Commission for Wednesday, June 26, 1957, at 1:30 p.m. in the conference-room at 520 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

The meeting was concluded at 2:55 p.m.