

M I N U T E S

of the

ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

September 25, 1957

The members of the Advisory Planning Commission met in the conference room at 520 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey. The Chairman, Mr. Fred G. Stickel, III, called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

Those present were:

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

William A. Bloom  
B. Budd Chavooshian  
Alfred H. Fletcher  
William Holster  
Philip A. McLaughlin  
William A. Sutherland  
Edward B. Wilkens

Those absent were:

Louis Danzig  
Alexander Feinberg  
Joseph M. Healey  
Denis W. Maloney

As directed by the Chairman at the last meeting (August 28), Mr. Alexander Feinberg prepared an appropriate resolution which is to be presented to the family of the late Dr. Davis. The Chairman read aloud this resolution, and entertained a motion that it be adopted. It was moved, seconded and carried that the resolution be adopted as read and recorded in these minutes as follows:

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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has taken from our midst our esteemed colleague and friend, Dr. C. Rexford Davis, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed appropriate and fitting that the New Jersey Advisory Planning Commission record as a permanent record a memorial to the late Dr. C. Rexford Davis for his many services rendered and his fine counsel and advice to the Commission while acting as a member of that Body, and

WHEREAS, it is to be recorded that Dr. C. Rexford Davis was one of the members of the Federation of District Boards of Education and an original member of the New Jersey Advisory Planning Commission, in which capacity he served with distinction, contributing much from his great wealth of knowledge to the discussion of the matters considered by the Commission. His kindly manner and friendly personality will long be remembered and his passing leaves a void in the minds and hearts of the members of the Commission with whom he served.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the New Jersey Advisory Planning Commission that as a memorial to the late Dr. C. Rexford Davis, this resolution be permanently recorded in the minutes of the Commission, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the widow and family of the late Dr. C. Rexford Davis.

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A vote of thanks is recorded hereto to Mr. Feinberg for a very fine job of preparing the above-mentioned resolution.

The Chairman informed the Commission that he had talked with Mr. David Thompson, the Governor's personal counsel, about the replacement of Dr. Davis, and was informed by Mr. Thompson that a letter has been written to the State Federation of District Boards of Education of New Jersey, which organization Dr. Davis represented, requesting them to forward three names from which a selection shall be made.

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The Chairman informed the members present that he had also written to Mr. Louis Danzig, representative of the New Jersey Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authorities, seeking information as to whether or not he desires to continue membership with the Commission, and that he had talked with Mr. Robert Fust, Director of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, concerning Mayor Healey's future attendance. Up to this time, Mr. Danzig had made no reply to the Chairman's letter; Mr. Fust stated that he would talk with Mayor Healey regarding his attendance of future meetings.

The next order of business was the report of the Legislative Committee of the New Jersey Federation of Official Planning Boards on the Advisory Planning Commission's First Annual Report, which was discussed at the last meeting of the Commission and followed up by the Chairman who wrote a letter to the representative of the above-named organization, Mr. William A. Sutherland, requesting better liaison. A copy of this letter was read aloud to the members present. The Chairman informed the members that he had received a reply from Mr. Sutherland who informed him that the matter had been discussed with the Federation. After a brief discussion it was suggested that a joint meeting be held with the New Jersey Federation of Official Planning Boards and the members of the Advisory Planning Commission to determine what could be done about reviewing and resolving differences of opinion between the two groups and also a method of operation. After discussing this with the Federation's representative, Mr. William A. Sutherland, it was decided that a meeting of the Federation and the Advisory Planning Commission should be called for October 30, 1957 - the next regular meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission - at 3:00 p.m. in the conference room at 520 East State Street, Trenton, New

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Jersey. Mr Sutherland is to notify the Federation and arrange to have a committee of not more than ten persons from the Federation to meet with the Advisory Planning Commission on the above-mentioned date.

Mr. Holster brought up the subject of the Official Map Filing Act, and mentioned the recommendations of the municipal engineers of Passaic and Bergen Counties. Inasmuch as all members of the Commission have not seen these recommendations, it was suggested that Mr. Holster forward a report of the suggested changes and revisions as suggested by the municipal engineers to each member for study and review so that the matter might be discussed in full at a later date. (see attachment)

The Chairman announced that the order of business at this meeting was the consideration of the suggested amendments to the County Planning Act as submitted by the New Jersey County Planners Association, and asked Dr. Wilkens, Chairman of the subcommittee to study and review the County Planning Act, to open the discussion on this subject. Dr. Wilkens stated that the basic fundamental approach that this Commission has been following is more of a strengthening process rather than radical or piecemeal changes, and read the revisions in part as to the suggested changes which would strengthen county planning legislation by the way of introducing some new principles and eliminate some areas of conflict.

The revisions to Section 40:27-7 of the County Planning Act were read, at which time it was suggested that the word "preliminary" instead of "tentative," which is mentioned in that section, be used. Dr. Wilkens pointed out that twenty days' time for the review of plats, also mentioned in this section, was not sufficient, and suggested thirty-one days be extended to the county board. The members present felt this to be a reasonable suggestion. At this time Mr. Herbert H. Smith, Vice-Chairman, in-

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formed the Commission that Mr. Alexander Feinberg asked to state that it was not quite clear to him just what was meant by the Chairman's letter referring to this, and that he was somewhat confused by the intent of the suggestions of the County Planners, and that he would like to be afforded more time to find out more about it and discuss it before the Commission takes any final action.

It was suggested that action be reserved on this section until a thorough study of the County Planning Act is made.

Section 40:27-12 mentioned in the revision was discussed in which the subject of drainage was mentioned covering such phases as drainage rights-of-way on a county-wide basis, rate of flow, volume of flow from a subdivision, up-stream and down-stream drainage, width of piping for such drainage, etc. At this time the Chairman brought to mind a letter received from Mr. William H. Baum, Gloucester County Engineer, covering his comments on the subject of drainage, which letter the Chairman believed to be very important and worthy of consideration.

Following a lengthy discussion on the proposed amendments to the county legislation, a suggestion was made that, rather than have piecemeal amendments to the above-mentioned act, it might be wise to request the Legislature to appoint a staff to make a concentrated investigation; such as a one-man staff to spend about three months' time preparing a draft of a county planning act. The Vice-Chairman pointed out that the Commission is in substantial agreement with the efforts of the County Planners as to what they are trying to accomplish, but the Commission feels that it will be making a serious mistake to recommend any immediate changes because of the possibility of forestalling a real county planning act.

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After further discussion of the above-mentioned sections and revisions thereto, it was agreed by the members present that the County Planning Act be studied further before any action is taken. Dr. Wilkens stated that he would get in touch with the County Planners as to whether or not the Advisory Planning Commission should proceed to make specific recommendations.

The meeting was concluded at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 30, 1957, at 3:00 p.m. in the conference room at 520 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey.