MERCER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

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July 13, 2022 9:00 AM

PRESENT:

Michael Shine, Chair

William S. Agress, Vice-Chair

Kristin L. McLaughlin, County Commissioner

Sam Rubino Dallas Barr

Basit Muzaffar County Engineer

Leslie R. Floyd for Brian Hughes, County Executive

ALSO PRESENT:

Robert Ridolfi, Planning Board Counsel

Matthew Zochowski, Planning Board Secretary

Chairman Shine called the meeting of the Mercer County Planning Board to order at 9:01 AM.

I. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, notice of this meeting was sent to the Trenton Times on June 21, 2022, was posted in the County Administration Building on June 29, 2022 and was published in the Trenton Times on June 24, 2022.

II. <u>ATTENDENCE ROLL CALL</u>

All members except for Taiwanda Wilson were present for July Roll Call.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Shine announced that minutes have been distributed from the June 08th, 2022 meeting and asked if there were any comments. There were no comments. Vice-Chairman Agress made a motion to approve the June 08th, 2022 Planning Board minutes which was seconded by Samuel Rubino. All members present voted in favor.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Shine asked if there are any public comments this morning related to non-agenda items. There were three members of the public requesting to comment. Chairman Shine welcomed all public attendees to the County Planning Board and discussed process for comments. Chairman Shine discussed providing speakers 2 minutes to speak so that we can get through all comments in a timely fashion.

The following are public comments provided at the June 2022 County Planning Board Meeting:

<u>Geetha Desikan (West Windsor):</u> Ms. Desikan voiced concern about the safety of the school children from Maurice Hawk and West Windsor South. She stated that there will be an estimated 25% increase in traffic (trucks and cars) from the Bridge Point 8 project. Ms. Desikan stated that the crossing guards are fearful about the increased truck traffic. Ms. Desikan is asking for the County's support on the citizens' traffic concerns.

<u>Arundhati Bhosle (West Windsor Resident):</u> Ms. Bhosle requests that the county perform a comprehensive traffic impact study that covers all the currently approved projects, as well as current

traffic, in the Clarksville Road/Route 571 area. She stated that the Bridge Point 8 traffic study only covered the intersection and not the area around the schools.

Padma Katapalli (West Windsor):

VI. **OLD BUSINESS**

Status of appeal by OTR East Windsor Investors, LLC (the "Developer") with Mercer County Planning Board's Site Plan decision requiring, Inter alia, the Developer to provide a cross access easement for vehicular traffic from its proposed residential development to a neighboring/adjacent residential development.

Mr. Ridolfi mentioned that the applicant has returned to the Township Planning Board with revisions to their plans and Director Floyd mentioned that they are waiting on a resolution of memorialization, Mr. Zochowski mentioned that they have reached out to County in regards to certain conditions and are working through the County's conditions.

VII. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business. Andrew Lloyd mentioned that there will be two new sewer service amendments at next month's meeting. Chairman Shine and others discussed concerns about availability and attendance at upcoming meeting and vacations. Planning staff and Board members will coordinate on upcoming meetings and any special meetings.

IX. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Director Floyd discussed a letter that was sent to Director Floyd and County Engineer Muzaffar. The Planning Board was copied on this correspondence and staff distributed it along with the agenda for this month's meeting. Director Floyd mentioned that this letter is written on behalf of three West Windsor residents asking the County for a variety of truck prohibitions and considerations in regards to traffic on Clarksville and Princeton-Hightstown Roads.

Director Floyd mentioned that this should be only taken as advisement at this time as we have still not heard the application for which this correspondence refers to.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Shine asked for the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Wilson made the motion. Mr. Rubino seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m. with the following vote:

Y Michael Shine William S. Agress Y Samuel Rubino Y Basit Muzaffar Y Samuel Frisby Y Leslie R. Floyd Y Dallas Barr

Y Commissioner McLaughlin

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Zochowski, Planning Board Secretary