

REORGINIZATION MEETING

FORT LEE PLANNING BOARD
JANUARY 11, 2021

PRESENT: A. Pohan, M. Marshall, R. Ferris, B. Suh, M. Sargenti, R. Kative, M. Kaplan, H. Greenberg, J. Cooney.

ABSENT: N. Forshner

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Kienz, Esq., Board Attorney; Michael Jovishoff of Phillips Preiss Grygiel Leheny Hughes LLC; M.Tiberi of Boswell Engineering.

The meeting was held remotely, by means of communication equipment. The foregoing Electronic Public Meeting is recommended due to the current situation involving COVID-19 Virus and directives of State and County governments. The meeting was conducted using the Zoom operating system.

NOTICE OF MEETING:

Vice Chairwoman Cooney stated: Let the minutes reflect that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in the following manner: On December 8, 2020 this Body, by Resolution, adopted a Schedule of Regular Public Meetings for 2021. The time, date, and location of said schedule was posted on the Bulletin Board at 309 Main Street. A copy of said schedule was mailed to the RECORD, JERSEY JOURNAL, STAR LEDGER, SPECTRUM, posted on the Borough's Website and was filed with the Borough Clerk. A written notice of the time, place and proposed Agenda was posted on the Bulletin Board at 309 Main Street and mailed to the RECORD, JERSEY JOURNAL, STAR LEDGER, SPECTRUM, posted on the Borough's Website and was filed with the Borough Clerk. Copies have been mailed to all persons who have prepaid the \$35.00 fee fixed for the year 2021 to cover the cost of mailing.

Mr. Kienz swore in Herbert Greenberg.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO THE FORT LEE PLANNING BOARD

A motion was made by Mr. Kaplan and seconded by Mr. Pohan, to elect Herbert Greenberg as Chairman of the Fort Lee Planning Board and passed by all board members present saying "aye".

A motion was made by Chairman Greenberg and seconded by Ms. Kative, to elect Janet Cooney as Vice Chairwoman of the Fort Lee Planning Board and was passed by all board members present saying "aye". Ms. Cooney abstained from the vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Pohan and seconded by Chairman Greenberg, to elect Byong Suh as Secretary of the Fort Lee Planning Board and was passed by all board members present saying "aye".

APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING BOARD

A motion was made by Ms. Kative and seconded by Mr. Kaplan, to appoint Christen Trentacosti as Recording Secretary to the Fort Lee Planning Board and was passed by all board members present saying "aye". Councilman Sargenti abstained from the vote.

A motion was made by Chairman Greenberg and seconded by Mr. Ferris, to appoint Beth Calderone as Court Reporter to the Fort Lee Planning Board and was passed by all board members present saying "aye".

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LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES/BOARDS

After discussion among the board members, the following members were appointed to these boards/committees:

Environmental/Beautification Committee: B. Suh.

Board of Adjustment: M. Kaplan.

Subdivision Committee: R. Ferris, A. Pohan, J. Cooney.

Ms. Kative questioned why there was not a liaison to the Sign & Façade Committee.

Chairman Greenberg stated: That committee used to be three members of our Board. The Mayor changed that and at the time was a good idea. I am unhappy with the committee now. We could send a letter to the Mayor requesting a liaison to the Sign and Façade Committee.

Ms. Kative questioned: Yes, can we send a letter?

Chairman Greenberg requested that Ms. Trentacosti send a letter to the Mayor stating the Planning Board would like to assign a liaison to the Sign and Façade Committee and confirm their existence as an advisory committee.

Vice Chairwoman Cooney questioned: Ms. Trentacosti and I spoke with the Borough Administrator and he was going to speak with the Sign & Façade Committee. Did he get to speak with them yet?

Ms. Trentacosti stated: No, but I will follow up with him.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS OF THE FORT LEE PLANNING BOARD

The following were chosen as the official publications of the Fort Lee Planning Board:

The Record, The Jersey Journal and The Star Ledger.

A motion was made by Ms. Kative and seconded Mr. Ferris, to have The Record, The Jersey Journal and The Star Ledger serve as the Official Publications of the Fort Lee Planning Board and was passed by all board members present saying “aye”.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 28, 2020:

A motion was made by Mr. Ferris, seconded by Mr. Kaplan, and passed on a vote of 9 to 0 by members Pohan, Marshall, Ferris, Suh, Sargenti, Kative, Kaplan, Greenberg and Cooney, to approve the minutes for the meeting of December 28, 2020.

RESOLUTION FOR PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS FOR 2020

A motion was made by Chairman Greenberg, seconded by Mr. Kaplan, and passed on a vote of 9 to 0 by members Pohan, Marshall, Ferris, Suh, Sargenti, Kative, Kaplan, Greenberg and Cooney, to approve the Resolution of the Planning Board of the Borough of Fort Lee Authorizing the Award of Contracts for

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Various Professional Services appointing the following professionals:

Board Attorney	Glenn Kienz, Esq./ Weiner Law Group LLP
Board Conflict Attorney	Brian Chewcaskie, Esq./ Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC
Board Planner	Phillips Preiss Grygiel Leheny Hughes LLC
Board Site Engineer	Boswell Engineering
Board Traffic Engineer	Neglia Engineering Associates
Board Special Traffic Engineer	Boswell Engineering

ARRANGEMENT OF MEMBERS’ SEATING FOR VOTING PROCESS

A motion was made by Mr. Ferris, seconded by Mr. Marshall, and was passed by all board members present saying “aye” for the seating of Board Member for Voting Process, same as 2020.

The seating of members for the purpose of voting will be: Armand Pohan, Moe Marshall, Vacant Until Filled, Robert Ferris, Byong Suh, Janet Cooney, Councilman Sargenti, Neal Forshner, Herbert Greenberg. If necessary, Alternates No. 1, Randy Lyn Kotive, and No. 2, Michael Kaplan will also vote if seated.

RULES OF THE FORT LEE PLANNING BOARD

A motion was made by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Pohan, and passed on a vote of 9 to 0 by members Pohan, Marshall, Ferris, Suh, Sargenti, Kotive, Kaplan, Greenberg and Cooney, to approve the Rules of the Fort Lee Planning Board, including the Remote Meeting Rules.

2020 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FORT LEE PLANNING BOARD

A motion was made by Mr. Pohan, seconded by Mr. Ferris, and passed on a vote of 9 to 0 by members Pohan, Marshall, Ferris, Suh, Sargenti, Kotive, Kaplan, Greenberg and Cooney, to approve the 2020 Annual Report of the Fort Lee Planning Board.

Mr. Kaplan stated: Now that we reappointed our staff, I would like to express my admiration and gratitude for our leadership and staff through the challenging year. Everyone did a great job adapting to changing rules and circumstances allowing this Board to continue its work.

The Board extended the same feelings.

Vice Chairwoman Cooney opened the meeting to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Sargenti, seconded by Mr. Ferris, and passed without objection to adjourn this meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christen S. Trentacosti
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Recording Secretary