

PLANNING BOARD

Minutes of

March 11, 2015

Present:

Mr. Ciarlariello
Mayor Giordano
Mr. Hollod
Mr. Kreder
Mrs. Kreder
Mr. Righetti (arrived 7:13)
Chairman Fagan

Absent:

Mr. Branan
Mr. Mitchell
Mr. Stabile
Mr. Tevlin

Also present were Attorney Brian Schwartz and Recording Secretary Maryann Thorpey. The compliance statement was read, the pledge of allegiance and roll call was taken.

The minutes of February 11 were moved by Mayor Giordano, seconded by Mr. Kreder, unanimously approved.

Resolution SPR-14-002 Fortaleza Associates, moved by Mayor Giordano, seconded by Mr. Kreder, unanimous approval.

Mr. Hollod gave an update on COAH. The New Jersey Supreme Court halted actions by the COAH Agency. The Agency has neglected responsibilities and the court has taken things into their own hands. COAH said they have met the requirements of the Fair Housing Act. North Plainfield was in the middle of the third round when things came to a standstill.

Mr. Hollod spoke with Art Bernard and he will prepare an affordable housing element proposal to submit to the state with the steps North Plainfield has been following. The proposal will come to the Planning Board for a vote then to the Borough Council for adoption.

The Planning Board needs a new planner for the redevelopment of the Master Plan, as Mr. Bernard has a conflict of interest and cannot continue. Mr. Schwartz suggested a planner; Mr. Bernard also gave Chairman Fagan names for consideration; the Board is currently waiting for responses.

The Board needs to define the areas slated for redevelopment. The Ballas family still owns and is using their property. The Borough had interest in the property, which would have been funded through the county.

The Villa Maria property is not in the Master Plan as being up for rehabilitation or redevelopment.

Mayor Giordano moved to adjourn, Mr. Righetti seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.