

THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST
Planning Board
Meeting Minutes – 5 FEBRUARY 2020 5 p.m.

Chairman Davenport called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., lead the Pledge of Allegiance and read the statement of compliance with the open Public Meetings Act.

Roll call was taken by the secretary: Alvarado, absent; Cava, present; Daniels, present; Davenport, present; D'Antonio, present; Melchiorre, present; Schiff, present; Hunt, present; Mettler, absent; Gould, absent; Thompson, present; Solicitor Belasco, present; Secretary Rogers, present.

Mrs. Hunt moved to dispense with the public reading of the minutes of the meeting of 8 January and approve as distributed, Ms. Daniels seconded. Roll call: Hunt, yes; Melchiorre, yes; Schiff, yes; D'Antonio, yes; Cava, yes; Daniels, yes; Davenport, yes; Thompson, yes. Minutes approved as distributed.

There was one application to come before the Board:

PB-19-11-01: MAHALO HOTELS, LLC; owner of the property located at 6501 Ocean Ave., a/k/a blk 50.04, lots 3,4,7, & 8, in the M-1A Zoning District; seeking "c" variance relief and preliminary and final site plan approval to renovate existing motel, adding a 6th floor containing 14 additional units, addition of a new sundeck and pool, additional parking. Applicant represented by Frank L. Corrado, Esq. who requested continuance to the meeting of 4 March without need to renote and republish and waiving time constraints on the Board. On motion of Mrs. Hunt, second by Ms. Daniels, and unanimous rollcall vote: continuance memorialized as Resolution PB-A-20-09.

There were no resolutions memorializing Board actions.

There were no administrative resolutions.

Under Old Business, there was no report from the Sunset Lake Committee; Commissioner Thompson said porta-potties will be located at the lakefront in the summer. There will be an open public meeting at the Firehouse on Saturday 28 March to discuss proposed changes to New Jersey Avenue. The Board will take up discussion of NJ Ave after this meeting.

The parking requirements in residential zones will be carried on the agenda.

Under New Business the use of faux grass as lot covering was discussed. Board members expressed concern about recycling used product, policing installation to ensure it is done properly, drainage and coverage as well as the difficulty of wording an ordinance. Mrs. Hunt commented that on an island with limited greenspace, why should it be compromised. It was confirmed that only one homeowner has inquired about the use of faux grass. Board members commented it is "fuzzy carpet", "bizarre", "could become epidemic", and expressed concerns about animal waste and chemicals used for cleaning. Secretary Rogers, who is also a member and secretary of the Green Team, asked the Board to consider how the product benefits the environment – does it produce oxygen? – does it provide habitat for beneficial insects and worms? The Board decided by consensus to await the findings of the Green Team and discuss this at a later meeting.

No members of the public spoke.

The Board will meet on 4 March at 5 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Cava and unanimous voice vote, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Deborah Rogers
Planning Board Secretary