

THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST
Planning Board
Meeting Minutes – 2 September 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, present; Cava, present; Daniels, present; Davenport, present; D'Antonio, absent; Melchiorre, present; Schiff, absent; Hunt, present; Mettler, present; Gould, present; Thompson, present; Solicitor Belasco, present; Secretary Rogers, present. No members of the public or board professionals were present; there were eleven people in the room.

Mr. Mettler moved to dispense with the public reading of the minutes of the meeting of 1 April and approve as distributed, Mr. Cava seconded. Roll call: Alvarado, yes; Hunt, yes; Melchiorre, yes; Mettler, yes; Cava, yes; Daniels, yes; Davenport, yes; Thompson, yes; Gould, abstain. Minutes approved as distributed.

There were no applications to come before the Board.

There were no resolutions memorializing Board actions.

There were no administrative resolutions.

Under old business Chairman Davenport said he would like the board to focus on New Jersey Ave and the CBD referencing the recent report from Taylor Design Group and be prepared to discuss and possibly take action at the October meeting. Commissioner Thompson said he has met with the owners of Ocean Outfitters, and they asked if the pedestrian walkway in front of the stores could be narrowed or if stores could be permitted to lessen the front yard setback and occupy more of the area. He further noted angled parking should be considered to increase the number of spaces. He said the county has been slowed by the pandemic, and the board needs to revisit the plans. Mr. Thompson said the plan should be viable for the future, looking twenty years ahead. He suggested an on-site meeting of the subcommittee.

Mr. Mettler reported that Sunset Lake dredging is in the first round of proposed action by the state and the disposition of spoils remains an issue.

Chairman Davenport said the board needs to examine the parking requirements in the residential zones. Solicitor Belasco explained the borough has not adopted the standards of the RSIS, and these would increase parking requirements in proportion to the number of sleeping rooms in a structure. Mr. Thompson noted a number of undersized open areas on streets that could be designated as parking for motorcycles or golf carts.

Under new business Solicitor Belasco said the Mahalo appeal is still active, depositions have been taking place. A hearing is scheduled the second week of November.

Mrs. Gould announced the NJ Ave Stakeholders meeting is scheduled Wednesday, 23 Sept following the B.O.C. meeting. She said TDG and representatives from the county are planning to attend. The Planning Board will meet on 7 October at 5 p.m.; there is one application to come before the board.

On motion of Mrs. Gould, second by Mr. Alvarado and unanimous voice vote, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Deborah Rogers
Planning Board Secretary