WORK SESSION MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2020

The work session meeting of the Fair Lawn Planning Board on Monday, March 9, 2020 was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Ari Ludzki in Room 201 of the Fair Lawn Municipal Building.

The notice of the Open Public Meetings Law was read stating that the newspapers were notified and a notice posted on the first floor bulletin board of the Fair Lawn Municipal Building.

Roll Call

Present:  Vice Chairperson Joseph Mele, Deputy Mayor Gail Rottenstrich, Amy Hummerstone, Larry Metzger, Grant King, Brent Pohlman, Aaron Salma  Absent:  Shana Cohen, Antonio Garcia, Chairman Ludzki, Joseph Baladi

Also present:  Board Attorney Gregg Paster and Board Secretary Cathryn Hochkeppel

NJ Future

Ms. Tanya Rohrbach made a presentation to the Board relative to creating an environment where there is aging in place, meaning making it possible for the aging community to still in our borough. She explained that NJ Future looks at four categories. They are housing, transportation, mixed use centers and public spaces accessible to the community. There should be a variety of options. Ms. Rohrbach explained that the older population can be socially isolated. She emphasized the importance of having walkable communities, access to doctors and shopping. It is also important for seniors to have access to a mixed-use center. Creating other types of housing other than single use is important. Mr. Rohrbach explained that the normal threshold is not to pay more than 30% of income for housing. Seniors over 65 tend to pay over 45%. Ms. Rohrbach stated that a committee was formed to explore options. They make recommendations but it is up to each individual town to implement the options. The committee intends to work with the Council and the Planning Board. Ms. Rohrbach mentioned that Councilmember Cristina Cutrone is actively involved in this partnership and is a driving force.

Approval of minutes

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Gail Rottenstrich and a second by Larry Metzger, the regular meeting minutes of February 10, 2020 were unanimously approved.  AYES:  Vice Chairperson Joseph Mele,
Deputy Mayor Gail Rottenstrich, Amy Hummerstone, Larry Metzger, Grant King, Aaron Salma
Abstain: Brent Pohlman

Approval of escrow bills

Upon motion by Brent Pohlman and a second by Grant King, the escrow bills were unanimously approved. AYES: Vice Chairperson Joseph Mele, Deputy Mayor Gail Rottenstrich, Amy Hummerstone, Larry Metzger, Grant King, Brent Pohlman, Aaron Salma

Ordinance Change

Board Secretary Hochkeppel brought up an inconsistency in the Borough’s code. She explained that although the Borough allowed additional uses in the I-1 and I-2 district (as recommended by this Board), there were prohibited uses that are in conflict. It was the unanimous consensus of the Board to make the changes suggested by Ms. Hochkeppel.

New Business

Grant King explained that he attended a New Jersey Planning Association conference. He explained that there is grant money available. He felt that the borough could certainly qualify as a transportation hub. There is also money available for developing publicly owned land. Mr. King suggested that the borough explore many of these options.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Rottenstrich and a second by Brent Pohlman, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathryn Hochkeppel
Secretary of the Planning Board