

**Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus
Bergen County, New Jersey
Planning Board Minutes
May 14, 2020
Combined Session
Teleconference Meeting**

Meeting Called to Order at 7:30PM by Chairman Hanlon

Open Public Meetings Statement: Read into the record by the Board Secretary.

Roll Call: Messrs. Reade, Newman (absent), Jones, Ms. Ioannidis, Councilman Policastro, Chairman Hanlon, Mayor Randall (absent)

Also Attending via Teleconference: Gary J. Cucchiara, Esq., Board Attorney; Ms. JoAnn Carroll, Board Secretary

Chairman Hanlon: stated this evening's meeting of the Board was a Combined Session and was being held via a teleconference; stated all Board Members and members of the public who may be on the call, must identify themselves before speaking; the meeting is being recorded; no cross talk or side conversations are to take place; asked for background noise to be kept as quiet as possible; once the meeting is over, asked all participants to disconnect from the call.

Please note: no Board Members or members of the public who may have been connected to the teleconference, had any questions or comments.

Chairman Hanlon: stated the application for a change of ownership at 618 N. Maple Avenue had been withdrawn; asked all Board Members to please file their Financial Disclosure Statement; Board Members should contact the Borough Clerk if they had any questions.

Motion to Approve Minutes: Jones

March 14, 2020

Seconded by: Reade

Ayes: Reade, Jones, Ioannidis, Councilman Policastro, Chairman Hanlon

Nays: None

Chairman Hanlon: stated all Board Members had received via email a draft copy of the redevelopment plan and map prepared by Mr. E. Snieckus, the Borough's Planner; the Board voted in February of this year to authorize Mr. Snieckus to conduct a study of Block 1016, Lots 3 & 5; (all Board Members indicated they had received the documents); a public meeting will be held at

which Mr. Snieckus will make a presentation; the tentative date is June 11, 2020, but it has yet to be confirmed.

Chairman Hanlon: stated Mr. Snieckus had mentioned that some towns are including in their Master Plan information regarding the pandemic and how the towns have handled the situation; Chairman Hanlon has reached out to local people, especially merchants, emergency service members, etc.; Mr. Snieckus will be supplied with additional information to add to the Master Plan; it is better to obtain this information while it is still fresh in everyone's minds; asked for Board comments regarding this recommendation:

Mr. Jones: stated it is important to add, certainly because the Master Plan is a living document.

Mr. Reade: agreed with Mr. Jones; most of the documentations of preparedness and responses coming out of the Borough are through social media; unsure if the proposed narrative could be tied in with the library's current project.

Ms. Ioannidis: agreed; important to include historically and for any future changes it makes to our daily lives.

Chairman Hanlon: stated he may reach out to Ms. Ioannidis due to her involvement with health care.

Ms. Ioannidis: stated she would be happy to help.

Councilman Policastro: agreed.

Chairman Hanlon: stated he would reach out to Mr. Snieckus regarding finishing up the existing part of the Master Plan; will share the outline that the Board can put together on the pandemic; Chairman Hanlon stated the report from the school for the Master Plan has not yet been submitted which needs to get done; there are a lot of new updates in the plan; the historic section has expanded tremendously; feels each segment of the history section should be given a number which would be part of a directory so the information is easily found, unlike it is currently.

Mr. Reade: agreed; it is a good idea to categorize and put into subsections or headings the various elements of the historic section.

Chairman Hanlon: stated he needed to give the St. Luke's photographs to Mr. Reade; Mr. Reade has created the cover for the next Master Plan; there were five railroad stations in Ho-Ho-Kus which will be illustrated on the cover; this is a major project and help from the Board is needed.

Mr. Jones: stated he will do anything he can to help.

Chairman Hanlon: stated before the pandemic, there were some early decisions made on how we can hook into the current municipal system; need to make sure that connection can still be coordinated.

Mr. Jones: stated the Borough's website will be updated and upgraded in accordance with the new ADA requirements; the capabilities and capacity for the new system will be more user and photo friendly; will have more clarity in the coming months in regards to what the new website would incorporate.

Mr. Ioannidis: stated she can certainly help in any way; she may also have photos for the Master Plan and will check with her neighbors as well; has resources at her disposal she can speak with regarding posting the pictures on the Borough's website.

Mr. Reade: stated a repository needs to be assembled for archiving the digital images for tagging, flagging and placement into the Master Plan.

Councilman Policastro: stated he would help in any way he could and on whatever areas of the Master Plan that needed to be worked on.

Meeting opened to the public.

No members of the public indicated they were on the call and/or had a question or comment.

Motion to Adjourn: Jones

Seconded by: Reade

All in Favor

None Opposed

Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

Respectfully submitted by:


JoAnn Carroll
Planning Board Secretary
May 19, 2020