

FORT LEE PLANNING BOARD
OCTOBER 28, 2019

PRESENT: A. Pohan, M. Marshall, R. Ferris, J. Cooney, M. Sargenti, N. Forshner, R. Kative, M. Kaplan, H. Greenberg.

ABSENT: L. LaMastro, B. Suh.

NOTICE OF MEETING:

Chairman Greenberg stated: Let the minutes reflect that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in the following manner: On October 15, 2018 this Body, by Resolution, adopted a Schedule of Regular Public Meetings for 2019. On February 25, 2019 this Body, by Resolution, adopted an Amended Schedule of Regular Public Meetings for 2019. The time, date, and location of said schedule was posted on the Bulletin Board at 309 Main Street. A copy of said schedule was mailed to the RECORD, JERSEY JOURNAL, STAR LEDGER, SPECTRUM, posted on the Borough's Website and was filed with the Borough Clerk. A written notice of the time, place and proposed Agenda was posted on the Bulletin Board at 309 Main Street and mailed to the RECORD, JERSEY JOURNAL, STAR LEDGER, SPECTRUM, posted on the Borough's Website and was filed with the Borough Clerk. Copies have been mailed to all persons who have prepaid the \$35.00 fee fixed for the year 2019 to cover the cost of mailing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 23, 2019:

A motion was made by Mr. Ferris, seconded by Ms. Cooney and passed on a vote of 7 to 0 by members Pohan, Marshall, Ferris, Cooney, Sargenti, Kaplan and Greenberg, to approve the minutes for the meeting of September 23, 2019. Mr. Forshner and Ms. Kative abstained from the vote.

2020 CALENDAR OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETINGS:

A motion was made by Ms. Kative, seconded by Mr. Pohan, and passed on a vote of 9 to 0 by members Pohan, Marshall, Ferris, Cooney, Sargenti, Forshner, Kative, Kaplan and Greenberg, to approve the 2020 Calendar of Regular Public Meetings.

CAPITAL REVIEW – N.J.S. 40:55D-31
FORT LEE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FORT LEE SCHOOL NO. 1 & FORT LEE SCHOOL NO. 3
250 HOYM STREET (BL. 4251 LOTS 4 & 5) & 2405 2ND STREET (BL. 7052, LOT 2)
SECURITY VESTIBULE ADDITIONS

Jack L. DeNichilo, Supervisor of New Construction & Rod Grants for the Fort Lee Board of Education, stated: Thank you to the Chairman and Board members for allowing us to be here this evening. This presentation is for the installation of man traps. There have obviously been security concerns nationwide and we have set an initiative for ourselves. To date we have man traps located at School No. 2, School No. 4, the Intermediate School, the Middle School and the High School. To meet the initiative, we have

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set for ourselves for the security vestibules we are here today for the last two needed at School No. 1 and School No. 3. That is why we are here today, presenting to the Board to get a letter needed for the State.

Chairman Greenberg stated: Mr. Kienz, can you explain what a Capital Review is to the Board for those that may not know.

Mr. Kienz stated: They are required to come before the Board because they are spending public funds. We are here to make sure that what they are doing is consistent with the Master Plan. The only authority that the Board has is if you think there is something that could make the project better you can recommend to them it be done but they do not need to follow the recommendation. Today, they are presenting man traps for security. If you find that it follows the Master Plan, I will prepare a letter for them.

Chairman Greenberg stated: Mr. Jovishoff, you prepared questions at the end of your review letter.

Mr. Jovishoff stated: Yes, they are just questions to ask to get a little more knowledge of the project for the Board. This project is in compliance with the Master Plan of the Borough.

Mr. DeNichilo stated: I can go through all of the questions. Question number one is about security procedures. We also received a letter of approval from the Chief of Police which was a requirement as well. The vestibules are comprised of a door on the outside and inside. You get buzzed in, go to the desk with the slots and throw the documents through. You present your documents and they are run through the data base. Once they are satisfied, they issue you a badge and you are allowed in. There is a security guard there at all times from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Employees have access cards and can get through at any time because they have already been background checked.

Chairman Greenberg questioned: Are they armed guards?

Mr. DeNichilo stated: No, they are security guards from a service. In addition to them, there are three police officers that rotate through the schools and the Police Department shows up very often to walk around and show their face. For question number two, there are no alternates. For question numbers three, four, five and six, there are doors and there will be new doors as well. The vestibule is comprised of glass and aluminum. It is not bullet-proof glass, but it is raided glass. The exterior finish is glass and aluminum. We will either retro fit doors or provide new doors. For question number seven, the prior installations were all approved at the middle school and intermediate school as part of the new construction when we came before the Board in the past. School No. 2 was also part of the addition that we came before the Board with. School No. 4 and the High School already had lobbies, so we just closed them off.

Chairman Greenberg questioned: How long has the High School been done?

Mr. DeNichilo stated: It has been about a year and School No. 4 was done at the same time.

Chairman Greenberg stated: It is sad times that we live in today.

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Mr. DeNichilo stated: Yes, the children's safety is our priority from the time they enter to the time they leave.

George Makroulakis stated: I live on Myrtle Avenue in Fort Lee, right down the block from School No. 3. I can only speak for School No. 3 but I am concerned about the door that is on Myrtle Avenue. I cannot speak for the door on First Street or Second Street, but I know that the gym door is open on Myrtle Avenue multiple times a day. Lunches are delivered in and out through those doors and there is no one there watching. Anyone could walk in through those doors. It should be brought to someone's attention that they need to have someone there and those doors need to be shut.

Chairman Greenberg questioned: Mr. DeNichilo, he is correct. The security vestibule means nothing if they can get in there. You will speak with the necessary people about this?

Mr. DeNichilo stated: Yes, of course. We will look into it.

Chairman Greenberg stated: We will send a letter that you have complied with N.J.S. 40:55D.

Mr. Kienz stated: I will prepare a letter, with the Boards permission, and forward it to Mr. DeNichilo, as well as copy the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Pohan, seconded by Mr. Ferris, and passed without objection to adjourn this meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christen S. Trentacosti

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Recording Secretary