

WORK SESSION OF FEBRUARY 27, 2006

The work session of the Fair Lawn Planning Board of Monday, February 27, 2006, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Winston in Room 201 of the Municipal Building.

Notice of the Open Public Meeting Law was read stating that the newspapers were notified and notice posted on the first floor bulletin board of the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Deputy Mayor Owen McCarthy, Barry Winston, Todd Malkin, Joseph D'Arco, Peter Kortright, III, Michael Cohen, Harvey Rubinstein, Alan Neggia, Albert Palmieri, Honey Morgenstern, Phil Cassidy

Also present: Engineer John Rottenbucher, Board Attorney Douglas Bern and Board Secretary Cathryn Hochkeppel

Statutory review of Ordinance No. 2024-2006

Harvey Rubinstein asked if the ordinance was a bit drastic and thought with a few minor modifications, the current regulations could be effective. Deputy Mayor McCarthy explained that the Council felt there was a need for a quick stop gap measure to control some of the overbuilding. This will require that an application be submitted to the Zoning Board if the lot is nonconforming. Deputy Mayor McCarthy explained that the Council is still discussing a floor area ratio ordinance and further amendments will be made but the Council is proceeding cautiously so that the appropriate measures are adopted. It was the unanimous consensus that the Board recommend adoption of the ordinance with the understanding that this matter will be further investigated.

Televising meetings

Chairman Winston stated he doesn't have a problem with televising meetings although he wasn't sure it was necessary. Todd Malkin didn't think the public would be interested in the everyday matters of the Board. Harvey Rubinstein commented that there was an issue with an applicant regarding his name and address being in the minutes on the internet. Some of the individuals that come before the Board, such as food handler applications, might be uncomfortable with being televising. Deputy Mayor McCarthy pointed out that there is a difference between the Council who are elected officials and the Board since it is comprised of volunteers. After some discussion, the consensus of the Board was that most of the public would not be interested, it would take many volunteer hours to televise every meeting, and if there was something of particular public interest,

the Board members had no problem with the meeting being televised but as a rule, it is not necessary to televise the meetings.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Todd Malkin and a second by Owen McCarthy, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathryn Hochkeppel
Secretary of the Board