

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 16 DECEMBER 1980

TIME:

12:00 noon to 2:45 p.m.

PLACE:

DATE:

The Canal House 25 Calhoun Street

Trenton, New Jersey

Tuesday, 16 December 1980

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS:

Messrs. Kirkland, Jessen, Sayen, Graham, Hamilton, Holland,

and Jones

STAFF:

Mr. Amon, Mrs. Perilli

DAG:

Mr. Gray

GUESTS:

Mr. Galley, WFSE

Mr. Kirkland called the meeting to order and stated that the Open Public Meeting Law had been properly met for the meeting of 16 December 1980.

It was moved by Mr. Sayen and seconded by Mr. Graham to approve the minutes of the meeting of 18 November 1980 as submitted. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Amon distributed General Whipple's report on the Hydraulic and Hydrologic Study done by the Rutgers College of Engineering.

Mr. Amon explained that the flood plain policy amendment to the regulations has been submitted and will appear in the January publication of the New Jersey Register. The amendment may be adopted twenty days after publication.

Old Business

Smith's Mill:

Mr. Jones and Mr. Jessen inspected the mill buildings and discovered that major structural repairs would be required to save the buildings.

Mr. Graham said he would have someone in DEP prepare a cost estimate and he asked Mr. Jones to check into the Green Thumb program. Mr. Amon stated that there are

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EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONERS

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no funds available at this time in the Canal Commission budget; however, when the historic sites survey reimbursement is received, the Commission could possibly retain one of the preservation architects to prepare a master plan for Smith's Mill. He suggested that the work could be used as a match to an historic preservation grant.

Lambertville Railroad Station:

Mr. Kirkland informed the Commission that the County Library may donate money for both the library and City Hall to occupy the railroad station. He asked if there were any historic preservation funds available. Mr. Graham said he will have Larry Schmidt contact Mr. Amon to discuss this possibility.

Staff Salaries:

It was moved by Mr. Graham and seconded by Mr. Sayen to enter an executive session to discuss matters concerning employment of the Commission staff. The motion was carried unanimously.

(Mr. Graham left the meeting at 1:40.)

Review Zone Action

Projects:

No longer in executive session, the Commission took action on the following projects:

80-29-0020B World's Fair Estates

It was moved by Dr. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Jones to approve this project with the conditions stated in Schedule A. The motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mayor Holland to approve the projects listed below. In those cases where appropriate, the Commission recommends that parking lots be landscaped in accordance with the Cook College plans. The motion was carried without dissent.

80-26-0032 Linpro Phases IX and X (approved with conditions)

80-21-0035 RCA etching building

80-14-0037 Hank Hirschmann; shed restoration

80-29-0038 Bedda Design Corporation (approved with conditions)

80-29-0039 Gavin Electronics

80-32-0041 St. Joseph's Church

80-09-0044 East Windsor Township; municipal building (approved with conditions)

80-10-0045 Independent Bank and Trust (approved with conditions)

80-29-0031 Guild Housing

Mr. Jessen moved to approve the Guild Housing project with the conditions that the landscape plan be changed so that the screen is moved closer to the addition in a manner that screens the building without screening the Franklin Inn, and that Mr. Amon will sign off on the project when it is completed. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hamilton and carried unanimously.

Peremptory Approval Status:

Mr. Amon informed the Commission that West Windsor Township has adopted a storm water management ordinance as stringent as the Commission's, but has no provisions for development in flood plains. Mr. Jones moved to extend peremptory approval status to West Windsor Township with the exception of projects or detention basins in flood plains. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jessen and carried unanimously.

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to each municipality and county that have peremptory approval status explaining that the Commission has amended its regulations to include a provision for projects in the flood plain, and that projects in the flood plains are exempt from peremptory approval.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Amon told the Commission that General Whipple has submitted a proposal to extend his contract as consultant for one year. It was agreed that he would work on approximately a half time basis at a rate of \$24.40 per hour.

It was moved by Dr. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Jessen to begin the process to obtain bid waiver approval for General Whipple's contract. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Amon informed the Commission that the City of Trenton has repaired the Hanover Street Canal House but has decided not to sign the lease. Mr. Amon is helping Green Acres to find a suitable tenant.

Mr. Sayen congratulated Mr. Amon on the Five Year Report. It was suggested that the report be sent to all members of the legislature and to public libraries.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.