

**PLANNING BOARD
TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK
COUNTY OF HUDSON**

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2013

The Planning Board held a meeting on Wednesday, January 23, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time in the Municipal Chambers at 428 60th Street in West New York, New Jersey. The reading of notice in compliance with Open Public Meetings Act was read.

1. The meeting called to order at approximately 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll call of the Board Members.

Present: Chairperson Clara Brito-Herrera, Rosa Gonzalez, Clara Duran, Eunises Garcia, Aida Roque, Joseph Roque and Laritza Marrero

Absent: Vice-Chairman Michael Corso Chairperson, Eunises Garcia and Elaine Waksman

Present: Board Attorney Fausto Simoes, Esq.
Board Secretary Maria Varela
Board Planner Sanyogita Chavan, PP, AICP
Board Engineer Robert J. Russo

3. Minutes for approval: None

4. Communications, reports, and administrative matters.

a. Board Reorganization continued – A motion to continue was made by Board Members Aida Roque, and seconded by Comm. Caridad Rodriguez. A nomination was made to elect Clara Brito-Herrera as Chairperson. A motion to approve was made by Comm. Caridad Rodriguez and seconded by Board Member Aida Roque. Motion passed.

b. A nomination was made to elect Aida Roque as Vice-Chairperson. A motion to approve was made by Comm. Caridad Rodriguez and Board Member Marrero seconded. Motion passed. PM was made by Ms. Aida Roque and Ms. Laritza Marrero seconded. Motion passed.

5. Payment Resolutions.
 - a. Metropolitan Court Reporting
 - b. Carlos Rendo – Legal services for Board
 - c. Maser Consulting
 - d. Remington & Vernick Engineers
 - e. Birdsall Services Group

A motion to approve all bills was made by Comm. Caridad Rodriguez and Board Member Laritza Marrero seconded. Motion passed.

6. Escrow Refunds. None.

7. Resolutions.

- a. Memorializing Resolution in the matter of application # 2012-02 filed by Fermin Tepetitla for property located at 5024 Bergenline Ave., Block 104 and Lot 10. Applicant proposes to a forty-four (44) seat restaurant within the ground floor of the building.

Matter approved at the October 3, 2012 meeting.

A motion to approve was made by Clara Duran. Resolution approved.

- b. Memorializing Resolution in the matter of application #2012-03 filed by Mario Ponce for property located at 5305 Fairview Terrace, Block 86 and Lot 29. Applicant proposes a one story rear yard addition to an existing two-family residence.

Resolution had been postponed until the January 23, 2013 meeting. Motion to carry was made by Ms. Aida Roque and Chairperson Clara Brito-Herrera seconded.

A motion to approve was made by Clara Duran. Resolution approved.

- c. Memorializing Resolution in the matter of application #2012-04 filed by Joseph Tawflik for property located at 5211 Bergenline Ave., Block 109 and Lot 17. Applicant proposes a sandwich shop.

Resolution had been postponed until the January 23, 2013 meeting. Motion to carry was made by Ms. Aida Roque and Chairperson Clara Brito-Herrera seconded.

A motion to approve was made by Clara Duran. Resolution approved.

8. Miscellaneous.

- a. Authorizing an Investigation and Recommendation of the Planning Board as to whether Block 4 Lots One (1) and Two (2) should be classified as an area in need of redevelopment.

Board Planner Sanyogita Chavan gave the Board an overview of the parcel of land that will be investigated. She also stated that she would prepare a report and a presentation for the next meeting scheduled for March 6, 2013.

A motion for authorizing an investigation and recommendation by the Planning Board was made by Chairperson Clara Brito-Herrera and seconded Caridad Rodriguez.

A motion to approve a resolution authorizing an investigation of redevelopment was made by Comm. Caridad Rodriguez and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Aida Roque.

9. Applications.

- a. First hearing in the matter of application #2012-07 filed by Andrew V. and Steven H. Dai for property located at 324-67th St., Block 7, Lot 17. Applicant proposes to convert an existing one-family home into a two-family home.

Bianca Pereiras attorney and Manuel Pereiras architect for the applicant. Mr. Pereiras spoke about the existing use at present location, and he talked about what they are proposing. He also testified as to the floor plan, and the variances that are being sought, and the complete layout of the home.

10. Open to public for comments on other matters. No member of the public spoke.
11. Motion for closed executive session – not necessary.
12. Motion to adjourn was made at 7:30 PM and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIA VARELA
Planning Board Secretary
Town of West New York

Date signed: May _____, 2013

Date approved: May 8, 2013