

Approved 2/4/15

**Township of Nutley
Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 21, 2015**

A meeting of the Planning Board of the Township of Nutley was held on the second floor of the Township Hall. Adequate notification was published in the official newspapers of the Township of Nutley and the Star Ledger on December 11, 2014.

ROLLCALL:

Ms. Tangorra - Vice Chairperson - present
Mrs. Eisenfelder - Secretary - present
Mr. Greengrove - present
Mr. Arcuti - present
Mr. Ritacco - excused
Mr. Barry - present
Mr. Algieri - present
Mr. Contella - present
Commissioner Scarpelli - present
Ms. Kucinski - present
Mr. McGovern - Chairman - present
Mr. Kozyra - Attorney - present

An invoice from Paul Ricci, Planner, for the application at 599 Franklin Avenue, which is scheduled for hearing on February 4, 2015, was reviewed approved by all Board Members.

Russell Lazovick, Superintendent of the Nutley Public School System distributed materials and addressed the Board regarding the demographic profile of the community and significant growth of the number of students in the Elementary School class rooms. He stated that there are five Elementary Schools that are currently at capacity; the Middle School and High School classes are projected as presently being stable. This projection is based on the increased number of children enrolling in Kindergarten; with the existing school population, and the projected increase in school population, there will be a limited number of classes that will be available. This projection indicates that the Yantacaw Elementary School will need an additional six new classrooms and Washington Elementary School will need six to ten additional classrooms. This study has not taken into account any new construction in the community. He stated that there has been a turnaround of students entering the ninth grade that are changing schools to a religious school or a private school, but the study also show that 80-90% of the students re-enroll to the Nutley Public School by the tenth grade. Mr. Lazovick stated that a remedy for the shortage of classrooms would be to expand the Walker Middle School and bring sixth grade students to the Walker Middle School, but at this time the Walker Middle School could not handle all the 6th grades currently in the Elementary School. He also added that academically this change would benefit the students.

The Redevelopment Report was scheduled for a Special Meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2015.

This Board discussed the proposed private medical school at the Hoffman LaRoche property that will start having classes in the Fall of 2017. Commissioner Thomas Evans and Commissioner Joseph Scarpelli explained that the medical school will be located on the Nutley side of the campus; most of the buildings on the Clifton side of the campus have been demolished.

Proposals for the East Centre Street M-2 zone and surrounding areas were reviewed by the Nutley Planning Board. The proposals were prepared by the Kimmerle Group; the Board eliminated certain proposals while favoring one for further discussion (3.1). Some of the suggestions the Board will present to Mr. Kimmerle are to eliminate the cul-de-sac, high rise buildings (over 4 stories), garden apartments, multi-family developments and most rental units. The Board prefers townhouses, expansion of the park, and making the area attractive to new residents and commercial residents to the community. The Board will schedule a special meeting with George Kimmerle to address their concerns.

There were no comments from the public.

At 9:29 PM the Chairman moved to go into Executive Session to discuss confidential matters including but not limited to pending or anticipated litigation matters and secure advice subject to the attorney client privilege.

The minutes from the Executive Session will provide as much information as possible without violating any applicable privilege or confidentiality so that the public can understand what was discussed and when available what the Board's decision was on the subjects discussed. The minutes of the Executive Session will be released to the public in an appropriately redacted form within a reasonable period of time.

The redacted portion of the Executive Session minutes will not be released until such time as the privilege or confidentiality is no longer applicable.

The Executive Session of the Township of Nutley Planning Board was convened in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Township of Nutley Municipal Building, 1 Kennedy Drive, Nutley, NJ

The Executive Session ended at 10:03 PM.

The Board resumed its public meeting at 10:04 PM.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned on motion.

The meeting concluded at 10:05 PM.

Next meeting is February 4, 2015 at 7:00 PM.