

Minutes of the Asbury Park Planning Board

September 9, 2019

Council Chamber

7:00pm

Announcement by the Chairman that the meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975. Adequate notice of the meeting has been provided to the Coaster and the Asbury Park Press. All notices are on file with the Board Secretary. Official action may be taken on the matters listed below.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Members in Attendance: Mayor John Moor, Councilwoman Yvonne Clayton, Rick Lambert, Michael Manzella, Alexis Taylor, Jennifer Souder, & Chairperson Barbara Krzak

Members Absent: Trudy Syphax

Members Recused: Jim Henry

Staff: Jack Serpico, Esq., Jason Fichter, (InSite), Michael Sullivan (CCH), Michele MacPhearson (State Shorthand), Irina Gasparyan (Board Secretary)

Meeting begins at 7:00 pm

A. Minutes:

Minutes of July 8, 2019 regular meeting

Motion to approve: Manzella

Second: Clayton

All in favor

B. Applications:

1. Asbury Partners, LLC (Carried from May 29, 2019)

1500 Ocean Ave., Block 4502 Lot 1.23, WRA Zone

Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval for construction of a 6461 square foot Beach Club Pavilion

Enter into exhibit B-3: Certification from Rick Lambert that he has listened to recordings of the proceedings missed and is eligible to vote on the following application.

Jennifer Phillips Smith, Esq. for applicant. Here today to present our next witness, landscape architect, Mr. Bower. Also have planner here, if have time.

Thomas Bower: Landscape architect for applicant, sworn in

Exhibit A-32: Landscape plan; Described landscape plan page L1

Exhibit A-33: Photograph of Ocean Ave Sidewalk

Exhibit A-34: Rendering of Ocean Ave view of Building

Bower: adding bicycle racks for add'l 28 bikes. Vine shown is coral honeysuckle.

Exhibit A-35: detail of redesigned sign, L2

Exhibit A-36: Detail on L2

Exhibit A-37: Detail

Exhibit A-38: closer look at crosssection

Exhibit A-39: focus on dune grass

Exhibit A-40: Grass detail

Exhibit A-41: detail of coral honeysuckle

Exhibit A-42: detail of vine & cable system

Exhibit A-43: mounting hardware of cable

Exhibit A-44: graphic of young vine on cable

Exhibit A-45: mature vine

Bower: vines will be managed & irrigated properly

Exhibit A-46: close up of additional bike racks

Exhibit A-47: ribbon rack example

Engineering letter received this week from Insite dated 9/4/19

Lambert: on new plans discuss planter boxes, but didn't discuss them
Exhibit A-48: Boardwalk rendering pg A9
Smith: these planters are part of the boardwalk reconstruction
Krzak: benches in photo not same as ones currently on boardwalk.
Lambert: can planter boxes be different, maybe with grasses to match
Manzella: is honeysuckle hardy to oceanfront? Will berries fall off?
Taylor: What does dotted line on L2 indicate? What is done to glass to prevent birds flying into glass? Do you have plan to keep birds out of pool area? Sections are not same as ones submitted to DEP, which should we use?
Bower: Glass is colored to keep birds from hitting.
Smith: sections submitted to DEP are most current. Copied planning board on those.
Taylor: what is process by which details of planting are supplied to you?
Michael Sullivan: Like any other submission
Moor: The rendering of green wall, is 3-4 years to look like this. We need photos of what it will look like bare, 6 months, 1, 2 years.
Krzak: agree we need to see what it would look like. Any other Q's?
Lieberman: What happens when some of plants die? What experience w/ coral honeysuckle growing on vine? Does it get woody?
Bower: that's where maintenance comes in.
Lieberman: who will maintain? Trained professionals?
Bower: Maintenance Staff. Certainly trained landscape contractors
Lieberman: Purpose of sand inside? will sand get into the pool as designed?
Bower: if sand gets into pool will be maintained daily
Lieberman: Is irrigated vegetation depend on storm water system?
Bower: don't understand connection btwn stormwater & landscape irrigation

Open to public Q's

Rob Taylor: mentioned use of honeysuckle, isn't it poisonous to animals? Isn't woody effect. Is bee attracting a good idea? How is landscape impacted by streetscape (view corridors)
Bill Maclin, Ocean Ave: are you horticulturist?
Joyce grant: Is honeysuckle vine native to NJ?
Bower: native to this area
Ellen muller, ocean ave: Slide w/ honeysuckle- why introduce a plant that doesn't belong in area?
Dave Michaelson, ocean ave: why does there have to be a wall & why does it have to be covered? What's the purpose of ivy?
Dave Zigler, 4th Ave: how many add'l bike racks?
Bower: 4
Claire: honeysuckle is invasive? How is it protected by wind & salt air? How will it impact ecosystem?
Bower: I have done research in plant selection & it is appropriate for this area. Calamagrostis
Polly Shildge: Did you know that honeysuckle is evergreen in zone 8 or warmer. We are zone 7
Felicia Simmons, Sewall ave: tall grass. What is the wood along sides? How close are planter boxes to wall? How much water will plants use? How far from front of exterior will bike racks go?
Bower: Calamagrostis- along fence line. Dense hardwood called Epee. 2' from wall or less. Amount of water used will vary.
Lisa Cramp, 5th Ave: what kind of pesticides use?
Carrie Butch, deal lake dr.: when put foliage on wall, are you trying to tell people this is exclusive? Reminds of ivy league school. Were you given task of designing it this way?
Bower: No, it was not.
Keith Dunwars, 2nd ave: how deep are planters? How much boardwalk space taking up?
Bower: take up same dimensions as benches
(name) 5th Ave: when pool club is closed, where will staff be?
Bower: I believe the staff will be there year-round
Madeline Monaco: has honeysuckle been specified for salt water? Any experience? Coral vine growth rate? Who decided to bring the boardwalk planter boxes and pool club together?
Bower: yes, we have experience in other
Smith: as part of charettes & public input. City council approved plans to dep
Monaco: why can't push back planters to your property? How wide are planters? How many? Will any bikes protrude into sidewalk?
Bower: 18 planters, 8' long. Bikes parallel with sidewalk.
Catherine Healy, 8th ave: are bike racks in lieu of not having parking? What was point of adding them?
Smith: planner will be discussing this next

Bower: bike racks are for convenience & use

Healy: what was put into landscape design to combat environmental problems

Steve Mianno, 5th ave: were you told to landscape & design wall or were you given the design & asked to design around it? When inside pool what do you see?

Bower: designed by architect & asked to design landscape around it. This was a vision by Hendel & his office. Will see cabanas & wooden wall from inside

Warner Baumgartner: what is typical distance of plants to wall? Heard of CPTED? Will wire wall be sturdy? Is it a good idea to plant an insect attracting plant? Is it nectar producing?

Motion for 5 min recess: Krzak Second: Manzella All in favor

Call to order 8:51pm

Roll Call

Barbara Cudler, ocean ave: when grandchild or animal get bitten by bees, who's responsible for bill?

TJ Elliot, ocean ave: saying particular planting is or not deciduous? Are you saying thrives or survives in salt environ.?

Bower: yes, evergreen in our zone. It survives

(name?) what were other options than this ivy or honeysuckle? Was there any other design that's more bespeaking of Asbury?

Smith: Mr. Handel described at testimony on May 29

(name) 28 bike spaces is consideration for number of people coming? Why is org trying to take over boardwalk?

Ernest Mignoli: is it customary not to have a model we can look at? Was there any consideration to wall landscape to block out sewer plant next door? Are you aware that there are lots of epa hazards in the area?

Are you aware that attorney is EPA attorney? Would you consider more outreach of neighbors?

Smith: there is no model. It is not required as part of checklist.

Bower: not addressing EPA issues here. Not aware of attorney.

Lynn Poignet: planters on boardwalk is taking up 64 linear feet, how much space is left for benches? How many benches can fit?

Smith: light posts and planters are part of boardwalk designs approved by council

AJ (name?): honeysuckle toxic to dogs. Who is liable?

Smith: was this specific plant chosen in connection w/ board professionals?

Bower: yes

Catherine murphy: what were dimensions of planters? What filled with? Concern with large heavy planters

Bower: 8 planters, 8' long x2' wide. Ornamental grasses & perennials

Murphy: how is cable wall affixed to building? Will it support vines, especially?

Bower: secured w screws bolts. System will support full grown vine

Polly Schilge: if covered with powdered mildew, is it exceptional or susceptible? Would have to use pesticides/fungicides? Are you aware of what type of fungicide is needed?

Zigler: have taken into consideration the surrounding area?

Claire: Are u aware that Boston Ivy is invasive & affects ecosystem? Would you consider using plants that are not negative impacts?

Bower: it is not. Wall that it's on is isolated

Simmons: what color is wood on the wall being used?

Ilene Flynn: sounds like this is a done deal. Seems like minds are made up. Haven't heard that you'll consider or think about it.

Krzak: described process, nothing is done.

Vessor Vanos, Ocean Ave.: Can precautions be taken to not use pesticides & fungicides? Windows & intake valves on that side of bldg. Shouldn't have to close windows.

(name?) Why put something that is not going to be friendly to the community? ADA compliance for sign on door?

Monaco: is there anyone that will speak to amount of pesticide will be used? Bar on interior- will there be alcohol?

Smith: Planning Board doesn't have jurisdiction about amount of pesticide once installed. No liquor license on premises. There is food & beverage bar.

(name?), ocean ave.: can bike racks be moved somewhere else? Near 1101?

Krzak: Let me clarify, whenever someone comes to board with site plan, we require bike racks.

Manzella: Planner will speak to requirements, I don't think bike racks required, just amenity to boardwalk.

Moor: Can you assure that bike racks can be used by public? Lady asked about Braille, is there a requirement? Is there any Braille proposed now?

Smith: Mr. Bower can't answer about bike racks, will take under advisement. No Braille proposed.

AJ: how much honeysuckle is accumulated? Can you label it in tonnage? How many pollinators

Smith: not sure Mr. Bower can estimate or answer

Souder: this honeysuckle is not fragrant

Mignoli: what are these other examples of wall? If enough objections, could it be enough for denial?

Krzak: can get that info over to board secretary.

Smith: can't imagine asking planning board to prejudge before all testimony is heard. This is permitted use.

Motion to carry to October 28, 2019 without further notice: Manzella Second: Lambert

All in favor

Motion to adjourn: Lambert Second: Manzella All in favor

Meeting Adjourned: 10:15pm