



**City of Central Falls  
Planning Board  
Wednesday, September 28, 2016  
6:00 PM  
In the City Council Chambers  
City Hall  
580 Broad Street  
Central Falls, R.I. 02863**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:16 p.m. by Secretary Leslie Moore.

**II. Roll Call**

Secretary Leslie Moore, Tatiana Baena, Robert Beadle present. Chair Michael Lester and Vice-Chair Maria Ines Lopez, absent. *Director Peter Friedrichs (Planning and Economic Development) and Assistant Solicitor Nick Hemond (Legal) staffed the meeting.*

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

a. Meeting of June 22, 2016

A motion was made by Ms. Baena to continue approval of the minutes of the June 22, 2016 meeting to the October 24, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Beadle, and the vote unanimous.

b. Meeting of August 24, 2016

A motion was made by Ms. Baena to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Beadle, and the vote unanimous.

**V. Officers Report**

a. Department Staffing

Director Friedrichs informed the Board that the positions of Assistant Director and Principal Planner are currently vacant. He is working to fill them. In the meantime, there may be additional delays from the department.

b. Upcoming subdivisions and land developments

A few cases are in the pipeline for the coming months.

c. Upcoming changes to Zoning Ordinance

As part of a LEAN initiative to expedite business registration in the City, it was identified that the Building Official is the only person able to sign Zoning Determinations. This position is currently part-time, creating a situation where it can take up to five days to

receive a zoning determination, a necessary step for opening a business or developing a property. The administration is currently looking at having the full-time Director of Code Enforcement, or their designee, able to sign the Zoning Determinations.

Mr. Robert Beadle has been confirmed by City Council to fill the vacant seat left by the departure of Mr. Hincapie.

There will be a training “Writing Sound Decisions” offered by Grow Smart RI’s Land Use Training Collaborative at Cumberland Public Library on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Members who have not previously attended are encouraged to.

Mr. Lester joined the meeting.

## **VI. New Business**

- a. Consideration and possible action regarding
  - i. **Recommendation to City Council on Abandonment of Bayland Street**

A motion was made by Mr. Lester to recommend to City Council the abandonment of Bayland Street, subject to the conditions proposed by the Director of Planning and Economic Development:

Abandonment of the full length of the street and transfer of property to the owners along the southerly side of the street, contingent upon:

A 20’ easement along the northern edge of lots 3-203 and 3-63 for a public recreation trail.

Further, the Department recommends the City waive its interest on its portion of the northerly side of the street, so as not to cause issue to owners of lots 3-209, 3-207, and 3-282 who have built improvements in the street.

Ms. Baena seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Ms. Baena motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Lester seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.