

**Highland Park Environmental Commission**  
Meeting of December 19, 2008  
Minutes

Present: Steve Barnes, Michael Rosenberg, Allan Williams

Absent: Jonathan Abrahams, Joan Ehrenfeld, Gabor Grunstein, Arnold Henderson

Guest: Rachel Salomon

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:20 PM in the Environmental Education Center.
2. The minutes of the November 19, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. There was no correspondence.
4. Site Plans reviewed:

- a. Wei Rong Mu  
1119 Raritan Avenue  
Block 128, Lot 5

This is a minor site plan to add a massage and acupuncture therapy practice in an existing medical building in a commercial zone. The only construction will be interior. No changes to the building footprint.  
No Comments.

- b. Pramukh Properties Inc.  
97 Woodbridge Avenue  
Block 91, Lots 2,12, &13

The applicant proposes to convert an existing building containing a bar/restaurant and package goods store to a liquor store and a retail store. The specific tenant to the proposed retail store is not noted. The building area is approximately 3,933 square feet and the total property is approximately 8,100 square feet. The applicant proposes to plant 3 shade trees along South 10th Avenue. Impervious coverage will be reduced by about 10% by eliminating some paved parking spaces. The proposal does not affect the building footprint.  
No Comments.

5. Old Business

- a. Environmental Education Center – No news regarding proposed capping of contaminated soil. CME on behalf of the Borough, submitted to NJDEP a request for permit modification for previously approved upland waterfront development. The

request is required to complete remedial activities proposed under the Remedial Action Work Plan that was submitted in September.

- b. Meadows Project – Continuing trail building work. Ruts need to be raked out next summer. \$7,900 still remaining in project budget. The proposed utility vehicle will not be purchased. A weed wacker on wheels is still being considered by DPW. Funds must be spent by end of the year. Signage including a message board, 3 large signs and 10 small signs need to be installed. Rachel Salomon assisted Steve and Allan in some of the trail work and her help was appreciated.

6. New Business

- a. The Commission is still looking for new members. We should all try to find interested individuals.
- b. We need to review and update the Open Space Plan in preparation for the Master Plan review.

7. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM. The next meeting will be on Wednesday January 21, 2009 at 8:00 PM.