BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD

Special Meeting
Monday August 25, 2014
—Minutes—

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairman Walter Rusak opened the Planning Board meeting at 7:05 p.m. in the Bridgewater Municipal Courtroom located at 100 Commons Way, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807.

2. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Chairman read the Open Public Meetings Act, as follows: "Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-6. On <u>July 14, 2014</u>, proper notice was sent to the Courier Newspaper and the Star-Ledger and filed with the Clerk at the Township of Bridgewater and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building. Please be aware of the Planning Board policy for public hearings: no new applications will be heard after 10:00 pm and no new testimony will be taken after 10:15 pm. Hearing Assistance is available upon request.

3. SALUTE TO FLAG:

There was a salute to the flag.

4. ROLL CALL:

James Franco - Present

Chairman Walter F. Rusak - Present

Steve Rodzinak - Present

Ron Charles - Absent

Mayor Dan Hayes-Present

Councilman Matthew Moench-Absent

Barbara Kane-Present

Tricia Casamento-Present

Others in attendance were Robert C. Bogart, PE, Board and Township Engineer, Thomas Collins, Esq., Board Attorney, Scarlett Doyle, PP, Board and Township Planner, and Marianna Voorhees, Recording Secretary.

5. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

July 28th, 2914 Special Meeting – Motion by Mrs. Kane, second by Mr. Rodzinak, the foregoing minutes were adopted on the following roll call vote:

AFFIRMATIVE:

Mr. Rodzinak, Mr. Franco, Chairman Rusak, Mayor Hayes,

Mrs. Kane, Mrs. Casamento

ABSENT:

Councilman Moench

NOT ELIGIBLE:

Mr. Charles

6. MEMORIALIZATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

GREY OAKS LLC - 270 Garretson Rd. - No Action taken

7. LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS:

AlFalah Center – 1475 Mountain Top Road Block 653 Lots 36 & 37 #01-11-PB, PRELIMINARY Major Site Plan and Conditional Use

Time: 9/30/14 per extension

See attached Transcription dated August 25, 2014. Prepared by: Denise C. Clark, C.C.R. of Rizman Rappaport Dillon & Rose, 66 W. Mt. Pleasant Ave., Livingston, NJ 07039

8. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Chairman Rusak opened the meeting to members of the public wishing to address the Board on any matter not listed on the agenda. There were no members of the public wishing to address the Board.

9. OTHER BOARD BUSINESS:

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

The Board concurred to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Marianna Voorhees Recording Secretary

In The Matter Of:

In Re: Al Falah Center

Transcript of Proceedings August 25, 2014

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2	Monday, August 25, 2014 7:00 p.m.	1 MR. RUSAK: Moving on to the
3		2 application for the AlFalah Center. They can bring up 3 their next witness.
4		3 their next witness. 4 MS. TUBMAN: Mr. Chair, for the
5		5 record I'm Lloyd Tubman. I'm the attorney for AlFalah
6	x x	6 and I'm back here after a two-month absence. I am
7	RE: ALFALAH CENTER, Preliminary Major Site Plan Block 653, Lots 36 & 37	7 doing very well, but hope that my voice is not a
8	x x	8 distraction, that's the last to come back.
9		9 That said, when we finished in June George Folk
10	BOARD MEMBERS: WITNESSES: DAN HAYES, Mayor GEORGE FOLK, PE	10 who is next to me, our civil engineer, had finished his
11	WALTER RUSAK, Chairman RALPH FINELLI SCARLETT DOYLE, Member	11 direct testimony. I did see in the record a little
12	JAMES FRANCO, Member ROBERT BOGART, Member	12 confusion as to measurement of the sight distance.
13	STEPHEN RODZINAK, Member BARBARA KANE, Member	13 I'll ask Mr. Folk to address that question, and
14	TRICIA CASAMENTO, Member THOMAS COLLINS, Attorney	14 then he is open to the public for questions. I think
15		15 he's been sworn.
16		MR. COLLINS: Welcome back, Ms.
17	APPEARANCES:	17 Tubman.
18	ARCHER & GREINER, P.C. BY: LLOYD H. TUBMAN, ESQ.,	MR. RUSAK: Welcome back.
19	361 Route 31 Flemington, New Jersey 08822	MR. COLLINS: Mr. Folk, you are
20	Attorney for Applicant.	20 still under oath.
21		MR. FOLK: Okay. I believe the
22		22 question was from the town's traffic consultant about
23	BY: DENISE C. CLARK, CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER	23 the sight triangle and sight distance from Mine Road to
24		24 the driveway on the western side or northern side of
25		25 the property.
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- MR. COLLINS: But if you did plant 1
- 2 them you would plant them on the adjacent property with
- 3 the permission if it was granted of the property owner.
- MS. TUBMAN: If that were the
- 5 appropriate solution, but this witness cannot answer
- 6 that question.
- 7 If there are no questions on that issue then Mr.
- 8 Folk is available for questions of the board, and then
- 9 if there are further questions or questions of the
- 10 public.
- MR. RUSAK: Are there any further 11
- 12 questions from the board? If none, it will be open to
- 13 the public.
- 14 If the public has any questions of the civil
- 15 engineer please come forward to the microphone, say
- 16 your name, your address and be sworn in. Come forward,
- 17 please.
- MS. OROZCO: Good evening. My name 18
- 19 is Kim Orozco. I've been sworn in at other meetings.
- 20 We talked about the trees on the adjacent
- 21 property across the street in from that driveway, and I
- 22 had met with the landscaper for the mosque and we were
- 23 discussing what would be appropriate for my yard, what
- 24 would not be appropriate, and I had requested about 100
- 25 -- it was 100 yards.

- MR. FINELLI: Yes, sir. 1
- MR. COLLINS: Spell your last name 2
- 3 for the record, please.
- MR. FINELLI: Last name is "F" as in 4
- 5 Frank, i-n-e-l-l-i.
- MR. COLLINS: Thank you.
- MS. TUBMAN: You may need that to
- 8 stand up.
- 9 Back in May -- on May 10th we made a submission
- 10 to this board which was a floor plan drawing which
- 11 closed off the multipurpose spaces on the right-hand
- side or on the northern side on this plan. This plan
- should be I think marked A-5. It was not part of the
- original plan drawings.
- 15 MR. COLLINS: That will be fine.
- 16 Mr. Finelli, can you just mark A-5 on the plan? Put
- today's date, August 25, 2014, on it.
- (Whereupon A-5 is marked for 18
- 19 identification and later corrected to A-6.)
- MS. TUBMAN: And would you first 20
- 21 describe the hard wall closure that I briefly
- described. 22
- MR. FINELLI: Sure. Previously the 23
- 24 multipurpose areas were separated from the main worship
- 25 space by movable partitions that allowed it to open up

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- 1 I may be mistaken, but it was quite a lengthy
- 2 space from the corner of my yard to where the driveway
- 3 lights would hit my windows into my bedroom and my
- 4 bathroom, and they were supposed to get back to me
- 5 about a week ago, few weeks ago, but I haven't heard
- 6 from them whether they were willing to put in actual
- 7 landscaping, not just a clump of trees.
- 8 I just wanted to know how would that affect the
- 9 sight triangle. If they agreed to do that, would that
- 10 have to be restudied?
- MS. TUBMAN: That's really a 11
- 12 question for you. Is the yard outside of the
- right-of-way farther from the sight triangle?
- MR. FOLK: The entire property is 14
- 15 outside of the sight triangle.
- 16 MS. OROZCO: Okay, thank you.
- MR. RUSAK: Next. Any questions? 17
- 18 Is there anyone else from the public that would like to
- question? If none, we'll proceed to your next witness.
- MS. TUBMAN: All right. My next 20
- 21 witness will be Ralph Finelli who is our architect. He
- 22 has also been sworn. He testified back on January the
- 28th and the 29th. 23
- MR. COLLINS: Mr. Finelli, you 24
- 25 understand you are still under oath?

- 1 to the main space and expand the use of that.
- 2 After discussion we decided to close that space
- 3 off so the multipurpose spaces are open to the corridor
- 4 to the north. They are not open or openable into the
- 5 multipurpose space.
- 6 The partition between the multipurpose rooms and
- 7 main worship space is a regular full partition with
- 8 regular stud framing and regular finish on both sides.
- So it is not openable. It is a solid partition.
- 10 MS. TUBMAN: Did you make that
- change at my request? 11
- MR. FINELLI: I did. 12
- MS. TUBMAN: In consultation with 13
- our parking consultant, correct? 14
- MR. FINELLI: I did. 15
- 16 MS. TUBMAN: And the purpose of that
- 17 closure was to reduce the floor space available for
- prayer; is that correct? 18
- MR. FINELLI: Correct. 19
- MS. TUBMAN: Would you describe the 20
- 21 additional change to this exhibit, A-5.
- 22 MR. FINELLI: Certainly. So the
- 23 rest -- the other change also is regarding the other
- 24 set of multipurpose rooms on the south side of the main
- 25 worship space between the main worship space and the

- 1 parking lot farther to the south.
- 2 Those spaces were intended for various uses
- 3 within our program, and one of them would have been and
- 4 is to expand the available prayer space so it's one
- 5 contiguous space.
- 6 In the original submission that plan was
- 7 separated from the main worship space again by movable
- 8 partitions or sliding partitions that go into pockets
- 9 and then open up the space into one big area.
- 10 This drawing shows that partition separation in
- 11 lines just to delineate where it will be when it is
- closed, but it opens up the entire space and lays outfor your review a maximum amount of prayer mat spaces.
- 14 So we had a lot of discussion about occupancy and
- 15 how we calculated occupancy, and this drawing shows the
- 16 maximum occupancy of the entire space. The main
- 17 worship space as well as the multipurpose spaces open
- 18 up into one contiguous worship space.
- MS. TUBMAN: And Mr. Finelli was not
- 20 here at the last hearing, but that was the available
- 21 worship space to which Henry Ney as our parking
- 22 consultant testified with the northern area closed off
- 23 and the southern area open. Would you also describe
- 24 the mat layout.
- MR. FINELLI: Certainly. The mat

- 1 MR. FINELLI: Correct.
 - 2 MS. TUBMAN: The number of southern
 - 3 multipurpose spaces that declined from 97 to 70. Can
 - 4 you explain that?
 - MR. FINELLI: Yeah. We accommodated
 - 6 -- when we had this discussion and we were trying to
 - 7 get to that number without going through a more
 - 8 comprehensive drawing study we explained that the space
 - 9 had to accommodate the means of egress.
 - 10 The difficult calculation in this instance is
 - 11 that all of our discussions whether it's been
 - 12 discussions about parking or discussions about
 - 13 occupancy we began a lot of these discussions using the
 - 14 terminology "seating," how many seating spaces. So we
 - 15 made this correlation of seating spaces to prayer
 - 16 spaces.
 - 17 The difficulty when it comes to the construction
 - 18 code is that the construction code looks at seating
 - 19 spaces based on chairs or based on width and the linear
 - 20 feet of a pew in an assembly use or tables and chairs
 - 21 in another type of assembly use.
 - 22 The fact that we are having mats on the floor
 - 23 requires some discretion. On one hand it's essentially
 - 24 a standing room only calculation. I've chosen to look
 - 25 at this conservatively as if there were chairs.

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- 1 layout is based on a 2-foot wide by 4 1/2-foot long
- 2 footprint.
- 3 Each of those mats would be as you see on the
- 4 drawing you are looking at at a regular grade on the
- 5 drawing, and those mats would be side to side and end6 to end and would effectively fill that worship space.
- 7 They would fill the available space in the multipurpose
- 8 rooms except for areas that are delineated as egress
- 9 aisles.
- 10 So the space that you are seeing is prayer
- 11 spaces. You count them up our main space is 220. The
- 12 multipurpose space had 70 spaces. The space devoted to
- 13 women's prayer space is 30 and that is unchanged with
- 14 or without the multipurpose space. So three areas
- 15 together are total prayer mat spaces.
- MS. TUBMAN: I sent you today
- 17 excerpts of your testimony from the January 28th and
- 18 January 29th hearing, correct?
- MR. FINELLI: Yes, ma'am.
- 20 MS. TUBMAN: And the number of
- 21 congregants in the main prayer area is unchanged from
- 22 that testimony; is that correct?
- MR. FINELLI: Correct.
- MS. TUBMAN: And the number of
- 25 women's prayer spaces is unchanged, correct?

- 1 So we've looked at this in the most conservative
- 2 aspect from a life safety issue, and therefore, we have
- 3 dedicated egress aisles from the space to the means of
- 4 egress. So that accommodation of a dedicated aisle
- 5 width for egress is what has reduced the actual number
- 6 of mat spaces on the floor.
- 7 MS. TUBMAN: I have no other
- 8 questions related to this exhibit. Does the board have
- 9 questions?
- 10 MAYOR HAYES: Ms. Tubman, the
- 11 question is when putting the wall in, will the
- 12 multipurpose room be used during prayer? Earlier it
- 13 was no. Is the answer still no?
- MS. TUBMAN: The answer I think
- 15 consistently was after this exhibit was submitted on
- 16 May 10th the multipurpose room to the north, the three
- 17 rooms to the north -- can you point them out, please --
- 18 will be closed off and will not be used for worship.
- 19 The ones to the south could be used for worship,
- 20 and they were included in the parking calculations and
- 21 the occupancy calculations.
- 22 MAYOR HAYES: Thank you.
- MR. FRANCO: I just have a question.
- 24 I've been analyzing occupancy load. You really can't
- 25 see things like that. You have to look at the building

- 1 realistically and all the spaces at all the time. What
- 2 is the occupancy of the building?
- 3 MR. FINELLI: The occupancy number
- 4 is unchanged at 437 occupants.
- 5 MR. FRANCO: But I believe when you
- 6 came up with that number you discounted some of the
- 7 spaces on the northern side. There were classrooms and
- 8 things like that that you said would not be used during
- 9 those periods, but --
- 10 MS. TUBMAN: All the way over.
- 11 MR. FINELLI: Are you talking about
- 12 these spaces?
- MR. FRANCO: -- you really have to
- 14 analyze the whole thing realistically. So what would
- 15 be the total number?
- MR. FINELLI: I believe we testified
- 17 that the entire building or the maximum occupancy of
- 18 the building is 437.
- MS. TUBMAN: There was also
- 20 testimony that those other spaces would not be used
- 21 during prayers.
- MR. FRANCO: Okay.
- MR. RODZINAK: That is your actual
- 24 occupancy number?
- MR. FINELLI: That will be our

- 1 certain portions of the buildings but not other
- 2 portions of the building. Have you done layouts for
- 3 the rest of the building?
- 4 MR. FINELLI: Have I done mat
- 5 layouts?
- 6 MR. EISDORFER: That's correct.
- 7 MR. FINELLI: No.
- 8 MR. EISDORFER: You previously
- 9 tested that there was no architectural obstacle to
- 10 using the other parts -- portions of the building for
- 11 streaming or audio transmission of the services. Has
- 12 your testimony on that changed?
- MR. FINELLI: No, it has not.
- MR. EISDORFER: Now you used the
- 15 figure nine square feet as your mat space; is that
- 16 correct?
- 17 MR. FINELLI: Correct.
- 18 MR. EISDORFER: Previously your
- 19 testimony was you picked that number because you did an
- 20 Internet search and that seemed to be a characteristic
- 21 number; is that correct?
- MR. FINELLI: That is correct.
- MR. EISDORFER: I would like to show
- 24 you some mats. I think, Mr. Chair, I am going to want
- 25 to mark them. I'm not sure how we are marking these.

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- 1 posted occupancy number.
- MR. RODZINAK: Big difference in
- 3 those two numbers.
- 4 MR. RUSAK: The posted occupancy
- 5 number is 437?
- 6 MR. FINELLI: 437.
- 7 MR. RUSAK: Any other questions from
- 8 the board? If not, can we open this up to the public?
- 9 MS. TUBMAN: Certainly.
- 10 MR. RUSAK: Okay. Anyone from the
- 11 public that would like to come forward?
- MR. EISDORFER: With the board's
- 13 permission I would like to approach the exhibit for a
- 14 few minutes.
- MR. RUSAK: Surely.
- MS. TUBMAN: Give him the microphone
- 17 so he can identify himself.
- MR. RUSAK: Place state your name
- 19 for the record.
- 20 MR, EISDORFER: My name is Stephen
- 21 Eisdorfer. I'm with the firm of Hill, Wallack, LLP.
- 22 I'm the attorney for the Running Brook Homeowners
- 23 Association and Manor at Running Brook Homeowners
- 24 Association.
- 25 Mr. Finelli, I see you have marked mat layouts in

- MR. COLLINS: Use an "O" number. Do
- 2 you think you have any "O" numbers already?
- 3 MR. EISDORFER: I don't believe so.
- 4 MR. COLLINS: You can mark them
- 5 yourself, Mr. Eisdorfer, but do share them with Ms.
- 6 Tubman. We'll mark them at least now for
- 7 identification as O-1 through whatever.
- 8 MR. EISDORFER: They will be O-1
- 9 through O-4.
- 10 (Whereupon O-1 through O-4 are
- 11 marked for identification.)
- MR. COLLINS: Maybe you can explain
- 13 to Ms. Tubman what they are, and if she has any
- 14 objections we can -- we can hear them.
- MR. EISDORFER: Okay. I am going to
- 16 show you a series of web pages from a -- from the
- 17 companies that sell Islamic products, and I am going to
- 18 show you and Mr. Finelli some prayer mats that are
- 19 available on the Internet. We'll test how good his
- 20 research is since that is the basis of his testimony.
- 21 I have copies of these for members of the board
- 22 as well. This is O-1. I've given you one more than I
- 23 can afford to give up.
- 24 Mr. Finelli, let me show you the document to be
- 25 marked O-1 for identification, and I'll represent to

- 1 you that this is a website that I printed out today
- 2 from the Islamic Bookstore. Is this one of the mats
- 3 that you looked at in your research?
- MR. FINELLI: No, it is not. 4
- MR. EISDORFER: Okay. So if you
- 6 look at this this is a three-person mat, yes?
- MR. FINELLI: It says, "Large style
- 8 prayer rug."
- MR. EISDORFER: "3 or more people," 9
- 10 yes?
- MR. FINELLI: (No verbal response.) 11
- MR. EISDORFER: And it says -- if 12
- 13 you look down at the product description it says, "This
- 14 43-inch by 82-inch large style prayer mat is great when
- 15 you want to put your prayer rugs down for a group or
- 16 groups of people. Each rug easily handles 3 or 4
- 17 worshippers, 5 if they are slim and skinny.
- "Constructed of very high quality by artisans
- 19 from Turkey. Aka large size prayer mat. Good for
- 20 home, schools, musallas, small mosques and more." So
- 21 this is -- this is a prayer mat that you had looked at?
- MR. FINELLI: No, it is not. 22
- MR. EISDORFER: Can you calculate 23
- 24 what the square inches per person would be for this
- 25 square mat if we laid it out on your plan?

- MR. FINELLI: Oh, I've seen these 1
- 2 mats. I discounted them.
- MR. EISDORFER: I see. Well, let me
- 4 show you another one. If you don't like that one let

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- 5 me show you another one. I am marking this as O-3.
- Ms. Tubman, Mr. Finelli, once again I'm going to
- represent to you that I downloaded this from the
- Internet today. This is from Amazon.com.
- "Islamic travel prayer mat with pocket sized
- 10 carry bag." It says, "Each mat measures 22 by 40
- 11 inches. These travel mats make the perfect gift for
- 12 businessmen, students and anyone else on the move." Is
- 13 this one of the mats that you looked at?
- MR. FINELLI: I would not have used
- 15 a travel mat in calculating prayer space, no.
- MR. EISDORFER: Now it is true that 16
- 17 on Friday services people will be coming mostly from
- businesses; is that correct?
- MR. FINELLI: I can't testify to 19
- 20 that.
- MR. EISDORFER: Well, let me show 21
- 22 you one more. Maybe this is one you've looked at. Mr.
- 23 Chairman, I'm marking this as O-4.
- 24 Once again I am going to represent to you that
- 25 this is a page I downloaded from the web today. It's

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- MR. FINELLI: I mean, of course I
- 2 could. This is really a futile exercise. This is not
- 3 to be intended to be family-style worship mats, okay?
- 4 Now we visited -- I mean, I will repeat myself
- 5 again. We visited at least seven mosques. I didn't
- 6 see a single instance where there was more than one
- 7 person on a prayer mat.
- MR. EISDORFER: Well, let me show
- 9 you O-2. I'll mark this as O-2 for identification.
- 10 This document was marked as O-2 for
- 11 identification. I'll represent to you that I
- 12 downloaded this from Simplyislam.com.
- 13 It is described as a travel pocket prayer mat
- 14 with a compass for determining the direction of east,
- and it is 100 by 60 centimeters and I have done that
- 16 arithmetic. By my calculation it's 39.4 inches by 23.6
- 17 inches.
- 18 Can you determine what the number of square
- 19 inches is for that? Is this one of the prayer mats
- 20 that you turned up in your research?
- MR. FINELLI: I wouldn't have used 21
- 22 this in calculating the number of people in the mosque,
- 23 no.
- MR. EISDORFER: Well, this is not 24
- 25 one of the ones that turned up in your research?

- 1 from the Alhannah website and it is a two-person prayer
- 3 It is described as, "A high quality wide 2 person
- 4 prayer rug. The large size of this rug comfortably
- 5 accommodates 2 adults. Great for family prayer, prayer
- 6 rooms or mosque use. Available in your choice of blue,
- 7 red or green. Measures about 40 by 44 inches." First
- 8 of all, is this a rug that you looked at in your
- 9 research?
- MR. FINELLI: No. 10
- MR. EISDORFER: Can you calculate 11
- 12 how much the floor space is per person?
- MR. FINELLI: On this rug I could, 13
- 14 yes.
- 15 MR. EISDORFER: But you chose not
- 16 to?
- MR. FINELLI: That's correct. 17
- MR. EISDORFER: You won't mind if I 18
- do the calculations, would you? 19
- MR. FINELLI: I'm sure you did. 20
- 21 MR. EISDORFER: I do think it is
- pertinent, but let's ask the hypothetical question just
- 23 for a moment.
- 24 Let's suppose -- let's suppose that we tiled the
- 25 prayer space with this last O-4, what I have shown you,

- 1 O-4. I want to make sure I understood how one would do 2 it.
- 3 So what one would do if one wanted to know one
- 4 would calculate what the area is in inches or feet, and
- 5 with my calculation it is 1,760 inches which is 880
- 6 inches per person which is 6.11 square feet per person.
- 7 One would take that calculation and if -- and one
- 8 would ask how many of these per hundred square feet
- 9 would you get and compare that with your nine-foot,
- 10 square rug. Is that how I would figure out the
- 11 difference?
- 12 MR. FINELLI: Yes.
- MR. EISDORFER: Tell me how.
- MR. FINELLI: You want that for
- 15 skinny people or fat people?
- MR. EISDORFER: I am going to assume
- 17 it is for two people which is what is described.
- 18 We understand that the larger rug is designed for
- 19 three people, four people. Fits easy for four and five
- 20 if skinny, but I am going to assume two.
- MR. FINELLI: So let's start with
- 22 the gross square footage and let's deduct the gross
- 23 width of the aisle, and after I deducted what I'm
- 24 required to have for egress width that would give me a
- 25 net square footage. The net square footage is what I

1 MR. EISDORFER: Do the main prayer

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- 2 space and we'll extrapolate.
- 3 MR. FINELLI: How about the women's
- 4 because the map is easier? Is that okay?
- 5 MR. EISDORFER: Sure.
- 6 MR, FINELLI: Women's is 26 by 20.
- 7 MR. EISDORFER: So then how much did
- 8 you take out for your aisle?
- 9 MR. FINELLI: I have 5 times 20,
- 10 that's 100 square feet. I have 4 times 26, that's
- 11 another 108 square feet and that's at least the minimum
- 12 egress width.
- MR. EISDORFER: So what's your net
- 14 square footage?
- MR. FINELLI: I'm doing it in my
- 16 head, you got the pencil. 520 minus 208, 412.
- 17 MR. EISDORFER: Okay.
- 18 MR. FINELLI: So take 412 and divide
- 19 by ---
- MR. EISDORFER: Okay. So if I
- 21 wanted to figure out how many of O-4 would fit instead
- 22 of dividing by nine I divided by 6.11 and that would
- 23 give me --
- MR. FINELLI: Let's finish the
- 25 number first. So the 412 divided by nine is what?

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- 1 would divide by my prayer space mats. 1 A VC
- MR. EISDORFER: Have you done that?
- 3 MR. FINELLI: I did, that's how I
- 4 arrived at this number and that would give me a general
- 5 idea of what can fit in the space.
- 6 MR. EISDORFER: Okay.
- 7 MR. FINELLI: If I can finish I
- 8 think I can be clear about the number. That's just a
- 9 map. Again, that's taking gross square footage and
- 10 taking out egress width aisles, that is just square
- 11 footage.
- 12 If I take the gross square footage and divided by
- 13 nine it gives me a number, but that number may not be
- 14 what I calculated here because I still have to put
- 15 those prayer mats into the space.
- 16 So there is some leftover space. It's probably
- 17 the number of prayer mats here based on nine square
- 18 feet based on 2 by 4 1/2 feet. It is probably less by
- 19 a few than the simple mat that you have given me with
- 20 that ratio.
- MR. EISDORFER: So what is the gross
- 22 square footage that you started with?
- MR. FINELLI: If we are going to
- 24 talk about just the main -- do you want -- can we do
- 25 the main prayer space or --

1 A VOICE: 312.

- 2 MR. FINELLI: The nine divided by
- 3 312 was 33 give or take.
- 4 MR. EISDORFER: Yeah, roughly.
- 5 MR, FINELLI: 33 and I have 30
- 6 spaces in there. So I've lost some, that's that buffer
- 7 for the odd-dimension spaces. So now you want to take
- 8 the 312 and divide it by --
- 9 MR. EISDORFER: -- 6.11.
- MR. FINELLI: So it's roughly 50.
- 11 MR. EISDORFER: Okay. I have no
- 12 further questions.
- 13 MS. TUBMAN: I can start again?
- 14 When you were asked to do this mat layout, is that
- 15 because the ordinance does not address other than
- 16 benches and seats?
- 17 MR. FINELLI: Correct.
- 18 MS. TUBMAN: And were you trying to
- 19 extrapolate the equivalent of a bench or a seat?
- MR. FINELLI: That's correct.
- MS. TUBMAN: Were you -- does the
- 22 ordinance provide a width for seats?
- MR. FINELLI: It does not.
- MS. TUBMAN: Does it provide a width
- 25 for benches of 72 inches?

- 1 line is how many people will be there in the prayer
- 2 MS. TUBMAN: Can benches be smaller
- 3 or longer than 72 inches?
- MR. FINELLI: They can, yes.

MR. FINELLI: Correct.

- MS. TUBMAN: And would that impact 5
- 6 the number of persons it might accommodate?
- MR. FINELLI: Yes.
- 8 MS. TUBMAN: So did you do the best
- 9 calculation you could to determine the seat or bench
- equivalency? 10
- MR. FINELLI: We did, yes. I don't 11
- 12 have that number off the top of my head.
- MS. TUBMAN: No further questions 13
- 14 here.

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- MR. FRANCO: Mr. Chairman, if I can 15
- ask a question. 16
- MR. RUSAK: Sure. 17
- MR. FRANCO: Mr. Finelli, that is 18
- 19 considered a place of assembly.
- MR. FINELLI: I didn't hear. 20
- MR. FRANCO: The worship place is 21
- considered a place of assembly, correct?
- MR. FINELLI: Yes, sir. 23
- MR. FRANCO: And as being that it is
- 25 required to be separately posted, correct?

- 2 room, that's the calculations you have to come up with.
- MR. FINELLI: You're correct in what
- 4 -- your conclusion is correct, but the zoning ordinance
- 5 recognizes occupancy and everything is working
- 6 backwards from impact; the impact on the environment,
- 7 the impact on the neighborhood, the impact on the
- 8 streets and so parking is a strong consideration.
- 9 Parking is based on how many occupants. The
- 10 occupants in assembly use is based on typically how
- 11 many seats there are. A restaurant is based on how
- 12 many seats in a restaurant. A theater is based on how
- many seats in a theater. In a traditional church or
- temple it's based on the number of seats or pews in
- 15 those spaces.
- So we have a space that just unfortunately hasn't
- 17 been defined or qualified yet by the Land Use Ordinance
- so we have to give a comparison.
- We have to give our best understanding and try to
- bring the two together in a way that makes sense so we
- can then take that number and work backwards or work
- forwards to the occupancy and parking impact on the
- neighbor. 23
- MR. MALLELA: The only thing I 24
- 25 understand the Hindu temple, for instance, there are no

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- MR. FINELLI: Yes. 1
- MR. FRANCO: And you set up your 2
- 3 occupancy load as 320 utilizing all the spaces?
- MR. FINELLI: Yes, 220 plus 30 is
- 250 plus 70 is 320. 5
- MR. FRANCO: By law that is the 6
- 7
- MR. FINELLI: That is, yes, sir. 8
- 9 MS. TUBMAN: Are there questions of
- 10 Mr. Finelli on this exhibit?
- MR. RUSAK: Are there any other 11
- 12 questions from the public? Please come forward.
- MR. MALLELA: Shiv Mallela. 13
- 14 M-a-l-l-e-l-a, last name.
- 15 The question I have is you keep citing the talks
- 16 about seats, the ordinance that talks about seats, but
- 17 obviously that ordinance doesn't take into account that
- 18 praying, you know, style or whatever is different for
- 19 different religion.

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- 20 For instance, I go to the Hindu temple. There
- 21 are no seats. You can stand shoulder to shoulder. So
- 22 why do you frame everything in seats? Ultimately it's
- 23 how many people, right?
- 24 So my question to you is why do you keep saying
- 25 you have to frame it in seats? I thought the bottom

- 1 seats. Nobody sits, everybody stands.
- 2 To try to put a framework of a seat in an
- 3 assembly where nobody sits, everybody stands shoulder
- 4 to shoulder. How would you put a framework on that?
- 5 How would you define the aisles or how would you define
- 6 anything?
- MR. FINELLI: Unfortunately I am not 7
- working on Hindu temples.
- MR. MALLELA: You claim you are
- putting something here which doesn't exist.
- For instance, you said you allowed for five feet
- between aisle for the aisle width. So you are assuming
- one prayer mat, five feet of space, another prayer mat.
- How do you know that's the way that they do it?
- MR. FINELLI: Well, we are going to 15
- 16 help them govern how they do it, that's what --
- MR. MALLELA: I'm sorry, go ahead. 17
- MR. FINELLI: How do we build 18
- 19 anything? We have plans. They follow the rules. We
- 20 have rules, they follow the rules. We are going to
- 21 create a layout.
- 22 It's no different than the parking lot. We have
- 23 striped parking spaces and people park in the spaces.
- 24 It's the same thing in the building.
- MR. MALLELA: There's no structure. 25

1 two reasons. I'm not going to assume a slightly

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- 2 smaller mat because we are not working in
- 3 hypotheticals.
- 4 We did a lot of studies and talked to a lot of
- 5 people, and the nine-foot, square mat is a relative
- 6 standard. It is a very common mat size.
- 7 Besides that, we've also testified and the answer
 - 8 I just gave to the gentleman on the board we will have
- 9 a posted occupancy limit and that posted occupancy
- 10 limit in the assembly space will be 320 persons.
- 11 So it really shouldn't matter if they bring their
- 12 own mat if there is a pattern in the carpet. There
- will be 320 persons and that will be the maximum number
- of people in the space. 14
- MR. MALLELA: You said your 15
- calculation is conservative.
- MR. FINELLI: Yes. 17
- MR. MALLELA: What's conservative 18
- 19 about this?
- MR. FINELLI: Conservative about
- 21 this is, as I said, without furniture in the space --
- 22 without furniture in assembly space the maximum limit
- 23 can be based on standing room.
- 24 I did not do it based on standing room. I did
- 25 this based on actual prayer mat as a standard nine

- 1 There's nothing fixed. You can make any assumptions
- 2 you want, but it doesn't mean anything.
- 3 For instance, have you seen pictures of how
- 4 people -- for instance, have you seen pictures of large
- 5 prayer gatherings where people put mats almost like --
- 6 you know, I never seen five feet between mats. I can
- 7 show you pictures. You can go to the Internet and take
- 8 a look at pictures.
- MS. TUBMAN: Just a minute. Ralph,
- 10 the speaker is assuming five feet between each mat.
- MR. MALLELA: No, I am. 11
- MR. FINELLI: There is a single 12
- 13 aisle that's five feet wide.
- MR. MALLELA: How many rows are you 14
- 15 talking about?
- MR. FINELLI: Then ten rows front to 16
- 17 back, 17 rows left to right.
- MR. MALLELA: So you are assuming 18
- 19 the aisle.
- MR. FINELLI: They're shoulder to 20
- 21 shoulder, front to back.
- MR. MALLELA: I'm sorry. So you are 22
- assuming aisle between --23
- MR. FINELLI: No. 24
- MR. MALLELA: Because when you first 25

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- 1 square feet and a dedicated --
- MR, MALLELA: So conservative is
- 3 your number like a smaller number. What is the
- 4 minimum?
- MR. FINELLI: It is a safer number.
- 6 My responsibility is to life safety. It's not parking
- 7 lot trip generations. It is the life safety inside the
- 8 building. So when I say "conservative," I mean it is
- on the safe side of where that number could be.
- MR. MALLELA: So are you saying that 10
- 11 the occupancy will be monitored by somebody? Will they
- 12 be counting seats or certain amount of people will be
- 13 turned away?
- MR. FINELLI: I'm saying they will 14
- 15 -- like most assembly places they will have an idea of
- 16 how many people are in the space. They should, yes.
- MR. MALLELA: Most of the time. 17
- MR. FINELLI: I'm not going to tell 18
- them to take tickets, but there should be -- there is 19
- an assessment of how filled the space seems.
- 21 MR. MALLELA: I want to come back to
- 22 the partition now being an affixed wall rather than a
- 23 movable partition.
- 24 If at a later time it was decided to replace that
- 25 with a mobile partition, is that something you would

1 testified the last time I thought your assumption was

- 2 based on almost like --
- 3 MR. FINELLI: No.
- MR. MALLELA: No? 4
- 5 MR. FINELLI: No.
- MR. MALLELA: It was always this? 6
- MR. FINELLI: It was always this. 7
- We just didn't have a drawing. 8
- 9 MR. MALLELA: Thank you. Now let me
- 10 ask another question.
- 11 So basically you are saying that your
- 12 calculations now are the same as before in terms of
- 13 other than the fact that you eliminated certain -- a
- 14 certain part of the area per square foot. So occupancy
- 15 is still the same in your calculations?
- MR. FINELLI: Well, the occupancy 16
- 17 didn't change and the square footage didn't change so
- 18 it's the same.
- MR. MALLELA: It is the same? 19
- MR. FINELLI: It is the same. 20
- MR. MALLELA: Another question I 21
- 22 have is when you say "conservative" if you assume it's
- 23 a slightly smaller mat you can easily increase the
- 24 occupancy by another 10, 20 percent, right?
- MR. FINELLI: Well, no, I can't for 25

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- 1 have to approach the board?
- MR. FINELLI: You would have to
- 3 approach the board. It's just like taking any building
- 4 permit and you take drawings.
- MS. TUBMAN: I am going to interrupt
- 6 because we would accept as a condition of approval that
- 7 that wall has to be fixed.
- 8 So in order to convert it to a movable partition
- 9 we would have to return to this board for relief of a
- 10 condition of approval.
- MR. MALLELA: Now this is a question 11
- 12 I have about the mats like the gentleman was asking
- 13 about the larger mats with two people, three people.
- You said you never seen that, but the fact that 14
- they sell them mean somebody is buying them, right? 15
- MR. FINELLI: I imagine somebody is 16
- 17 buying them, sure.
- MR. MALLELA: For somebody buying 18
- them could be people that come to this mosque too. 19
- There's no reason to believe people who come to this
- 21 mosque would not be buying the larger mats, right?
- MR. FINELLI: I have no idea what 22
- 23 they are buying.
- MR. MALLELA: But it is possible 24
- 25 that the number could be larger.

- 1 duly sworn.)
- MR. COLLINS: Please spell your last
- 3 name.
- MS. SCATURRO: S-c-a-t-u-r-r-o.
- MR. COLLINS: Thank you.
- MS. SCATURRO: Sure. You mentioned
- 7 320 is occupancy now, but then earlier there was a
- 8 discussion of an occupancy number of 400 and change.
- What was the difference between the two?
- MR. FINELLI: The 320 is the number 10
- 11 for the main, for this space, the main prayer space.
- The 437 was the entire -- the number for the entire 12
- 13 building.
- MS. SCATURRO: So how does that --14
- who monitors that? 15
- MR. FINELLI: The assembly use has a 16
- posted limit at every ingress and egress. When you 17
- 18 came through those doors and you saw that placard on
- 19 the wall that told whoever coming in how many people
- 20 are allowed in the space.
- 21 It is a passive monitoring system, but it is
- 22 monitoring the other spaces in the building by a
- 23 program that we had discussed and testified to
- 24 previously that will govern the occupancy of the rest
- 25 of the rooms, but if there are assembly rooms then they

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- MR. FINELLI: I understand, but the
- 2 bottom line is -- bottom line is that whatever they buy
- 3 there will not be more than 320 of them in that space.
- MR. MALLELA: So you're saying that
- 5 no matter what the size of the mat they bring it's
- 6 limited to 320?
- MR. FINELLI: That's correct.
- MR. MALLELA: Even if all the aisles
- 9 and all that are maintained? Let's say they maintain
- 10 the same egress aisles. It still cannot be more than
- 11 317?
- MR. FINELLI: That's correct. 12
- MR. MALLELA: I guess that's all I 13
- 14 have, thank you.
- MR. FINELLI: You're welcome. 15
- MR. RUSAK: Any other questions from 16
- 17 the public?
- A VOICE: I have a question. 18
- MR. RUSAK: Come forward. State 19
- your name.
- MS. SCATURRO: My name is Elizabeth 21
- Scaturro, 1178 Fairfield Road. 22
- MR. COLLINS: Please raise your 23
- 24 right hand.
- (Whereupon Elizabeth Scaturro is 25

- 1 will likewise be posted and the building itself will be 2 posted.
- 3 MS. SCATURRO: So I guess the
- 4 question for the township -- I don't know who this
- 5 would go to.
- MR. COLLINS: Right now you have to
- focus your questions on Mr. Finelli because he is the
- 8 witness we are addressing. You must address your
- 9 questions to Mr. Finelli.
- MS. SCATURRO: Okay. Given this is 10
- 11 the first meeting that I've been to I haven't had an
- 12 opportunity to understand traffic flow, what's been
- 13 discussed there, but in prior experiences which I'm
- 14 sure you've looked at with this type of prayer setting,
- 15 do they seem to max occupancy?
- 16 Have you seen situations in the past whereby
- 17 occupancy limits have been exceeded and there have been
- problems in terms of parking, congestion, et cetera?
- MR. FINELLI: I can only tell you 19
- what I saw and I'm repeating my previous testimony, but
- 21 I did seven other mosques with the leadership of
- 22 AlFalah granted.
- 23 We went on weekdays for midmorning to
- 24 midafternoon meetings. So I didn't go on a Friday or a
- 25 Saturday.

(Whereupon Samuel Coleman is duly

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- MR. FINELLI: Friday. End of day 4 Friday is the -- or Saturday is the biggest.
- MS. TUBMAN: It is Friday midday.

MS. SCATURRO: What's the most

- MR. FINELLI: Friday midday. So we 6
- 7 did go to a couple. The ones that I visited were never
- 8 maxed out, but that's just my own personal experience.
- So it's, you know, hard to say.
- MS. SCATURRO: That's all for now, 10
- 11 thank you.

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- MR. FRANCO: Mr. Finelli, you had 12
- 13 said this was analogous to a parking lot. Is it your
- 14 intent to stripe?
- MR. FINELLI: We haven't discussed 15
- 16 how we would -- whether we would use a patterned carpet
- 17 or whether some other fashion. We have not assessed
- **18** that.
- MR. FRANCO: But designating areas 19
- where mats would go and egress aisles? 20
- MR. FINELLI: Yes, we would do that. 21
- 22 The places we visited were both, some where the carpet
- 23 was patterned and some areas where the pattern was in a
- 24 larger sense.
- MR. FRANCO: So if someone would 25

- 2 sworn.)
- MR. COLLINS: Please spell your last 3
- MR. COLEMAN: C-o-l-e-m-a-n.
- MR. COLLINS: Go ahead. 6
- MR. COLEMAN: You mentioned that
- what you have here is space for 320 people.
- MR. FINELLI: In the prayer space, 9
- 10 yes.
- MR. COLEMAN: If you can accommodate 11
- 12 320 people in the prayer space I would assume that's
- 13 320 people attending separately coming by cars. Do we
- 14 have parking spaces for 320 cars?
- MR. FINELLI: I don't --15
- MS. TUBMAN: You can't testify to 16
- 17 that. I'm sorry, sir. Mr. Coleman, we've had both
- parking and traffic testimony and our architect can't
- answer that question. 19
- MR. COLEMAN: Can anybody answer it? 20
- MR. COLLINS: Sir, that was part of 21
- 22 the hearing. You missed prior nights. It's already
- 23 been discussed.
- MR. COLEMAN: Okay. 24
- MS. JACKEWICZ: Hello, Brooke 25

- 1 Jackewicz. I've been sworn in in previous testimony.
- 2 Several months ago Mr. Ney had testified that his
- 3 study was based on 1.37 people per car. Now based on
- 4 the occupancy of 437 there would be a need for 518
- 5 spaces which we know the actual parking spaces for this
- 6 site is only 171.
- 7 How do you plan to kind of coordinate with the
- 8 parking? You said that your numbers, 437, are based on
- 9 the parking need, that is how you came up with the
- occupancy, correct? 10
- MR. FINELLI: No, no, we came up 11
- with occupancy based on a program using spaces. 12
- MS. JACKEWICZ: So I guess is your 13
- occupancy going to be changed based on the parking or 14
- 15 is there some way for these -- other means for these
- 16 people to come to the building?
- MR. FINELLI: I can't testify on Mr. 17
- 18 Ney's report.
- MS. JACKEWICZ: I guess I'll have to 19
- 20 read back in the testimony because I really thought you
- 21 said that you based the occupancy of the building based
- on the parking need or the parking spaces available. 22
- MR. FINELLI: No, we designed the 23
- 24 building spaces and, you know, we actually have less
- 25 pavement than the previous use and things like that.

- 1 come they know exactly where to put their prayer mat? MR. FINELLI: Yes.
- 3 MS. CHAFOS: My name is Tammy
- 4 Chafos.
- MR. COLLINS: Were you previously
- 6 sworn?
- MS. CHAFOS: No.
- (Whereupon Tammy Chafos is duly 8
- 9 sworn.)
- MR. COLLINS: Please spell your last 10
- 11 name.
- MS. CHAFOS: C-h-a-f-o-s. 12
- MR. COLLINS: Go ahead. 13
- MS. CHAFOS: I'm sorry, I haven't
- 15 been to a prior meeting, and I have one question in
- 16 regards to are there going to be speakers or some type
- 17 of communication system on the exterior of the mosque?
- MR. FINELLI: The answer is no. 18
- MS. CHAFOS: That's all I have, 19
- 20 thank you.
- MR. COLEMAN: Samuel Coleman, 810 21
- 22 Papen Road.
- MR. COLLINS: Sir, were you 23
- 24 previously sworn?
- MR. COLEMAN: No. 25

- 1 So I think I would have to look at Mr. Ney's report.
- MS. JACKEWICZ: Is it possible for
- you to speak with Mr. Ney or Mr. Folk, I'm not sure
- 4 parking/traffic-wise who really is responsible for
- 5 that, to come up with an answer to clarify how 437
- 6 people are going to fit into 170 spaces based on the
- traffic study that was done?
- MR. FINELLI: I'm sure his report 8
- will address it. 9
- MS. TUBMAN: The report is on file. 1.0
- 11 The testimony was last month and there is a transcript
- 12 available.
- MS. JACKEWICZ: I understand that, 13
- 14 but even though there is a transcript available as I
- 15 stated the transcript says 1.37 people per car based on
- 16 170 spaces, that's not enough spaces as you know to --
- 17 that's not enough spaces for 437 people.
- 18 So can you speak with Mr. Ney and figure out how
- 19 many people are going to be able to park at the
- 20 facility versus how many people allowed in the facility
- 21 and just elaborate a little?
- 22 If 437 people are allowed in the building to
- 23 occupy the building or any area of the building at any
- 24 time, how will they be getting there?
- MR. FINELLI: I think we are going 25

1 testimony that you had from the architect, did you not

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- 2 mention -- maybe I got it wrong -- that they put the
- 3 corridor and solid wall, and you had mentioned you did
- 4 that in reflection of --
- MS. TUBMAN: That's exactly correct.
- 6 Mr. Ney at the last hearing testified as to the parking
- 7 studies he did. We saw the preliminary numbers based
- 8 upon his testimony.
- 9 I directed Mr. Finelli to wall off the
- 10 multipurpose space to the north of the main prayer area
- 11 so that we would not have more prayer area than could
- 12 be accommodated for parking.
- MAYOR HAYES: And was there a 13
- quantitative discussion? 14
- MS. TUBMAN: There was a square 15
- 16 footage correlation based upon Mr. Ney's parking
- 17 studies.
- MAYOR HAYES: So do you have it at 18
- your availability? It is an architectural change to 19
- accommodate the number that is a result of the parking
- 21 study.
- MS. TUBMAN: That is correct. 22
- MAYOR HAYES: And do you have at 23
 - your ready the quantitative discussion there? I mean,
- 25 that seems to be what the question was related to.

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- 1 to have to rely on Mr. Ney's testimony. I can't
- 2 elaborate further on his testimony.
- MS. JACKEWICZ: Just one more time
- 4 though. His previous testimony does not cover this so
- 5 I'm asking in the future, can everybody get together
- 6 and figure it out?
- MR. FINELLI: If the board wants
- 8 more information from Mr. Ney I'm sure they will
- 9 address it.
- MS. JACKEWICZ: Ms. Tubman, can you 10
- 11 provide that or get that addressed?
- MS. TUBMAN: As far as I can see
- 13 reading the transcript Mr. Ney has completed his
- testimony. 14
- 15 MS. JACKEWICZ: So this will not be
- 16 answered?
- MS. TUBMAN: Based upon the maximum 17
- 18 occupancy of the worship space.
- MS. JACKEWICZ: So potentially I am 19
- 20 left to assume my neighborhood will be filled with cars
- 21 from the overflow for the 437 people occupancy.
- MS. TUBMAN: I'm sorry, that is not 22
- 23 a question.
- MS. JACKEWICZ: Got it, thank you. 24
- MAYOR HAYES: Excuse me. The 25

MS. TUBMAN: The quantitative

- 2 discussion was based upon Mr. Ney's accounting that you
- 3 need so many parking spaces per 1,000 square feet.
- 4 It's reflected in last month's transcript, and
- 5 based upon the number of thousands of square feet of
- 6 prayer area in the initial submission at my direction
- 7 Mr. Finelli removed the three northern multipurpose
- 8 spaces from that calculation.
- MAYOR HAYES: So then can we assume
- that you brought those two numbers into agreement? 10
- MS. TUBMAN: That is correct and 11
- that was Mr. -- I'm sorry. 12
- MAYOR HAYES: So the space meets the 13
- traffic study number?
- MS. TUBMAN: The space meets the 15
- 16 parking number and that was Mr. Ney's testimony last
- 17 month.
- MAYOR HAYES: Thank you. 18
- MR. RUSAK: Yes, sir. 19
- MR. OROZCO: Wilson Orozco, 826 Mine 20
- 21 Road. So far it is my understanding that the scope of
- your work that you've done so far is to the mat area
- and how many occupants will fill the prayer room. 23
- MR. FINELLI: For this drawing, yes. 24
- MR. OROZCO: Having said that, are 25

- 1 you aware that -- has there been any kind of hint of
- 2 any off-site parking to mitigate any kind of parking
- 3 issues in order to be able to fill the prayer area with
- 4 occupants --
- 5 MR. FINELLI: I am not aware of any.
- 6 MR, OROZCO: -- like off-site
- 7 parking or utilizing the mall as a staging area?
- 8 MR. FINELLI: I am not aware of any
- 9 of that.
- MR. OROZCO: You are not aware of
- 11 any of those plans. Okay, thank you.
- MR, MALLELA: Shiv Mallela. I just
- wanted to ask questions based on this most recent
- 14 discussion.
- 15 Now you have no way of knowing whether the
- 16 parking spot or the number of seating that you came up
- 17 with, 437, will meet the parking spaces, right, you
- 18 have no way of knowing that?
- MR. FINELLI: Based on the
- 20 information provided by our parking expert I would say
- 21 I do.
- MR. MALLELA: Because the lady
- 23 pointed out -- I have in my notes Mr. Ney who was here
- 24 who observed the whole bunch of mosques and Cedar Brook
- 25 and a whole bunch of mosques, and his calculation was

- 1 other various experts are all together. They all jive.
- 2 The number of parking spaces and the occupancy
- 3 are based upon the same studies in every experts' area
- 4 of expertise.
- 5 MR. MALLELA: So let me understand
- 6 this. I thought the number that you cited was 437 per
- 7 maximum number of worshippers.
- 8 MR. FINELLI: No.
- 9 MR. MALLELA: No?
- MR. FINELLI: No. no. 437 for the
- 11 entire building, the total building. The worship space
- 12 is 320 occupants and in the central space.
- MR. MALLELA: The multipurpose area
- 14 which was eliminated, how many? I thought you had
- 15 about 70 seats. Am I wrong?
- MR. FINELLI: You are wrong, yeah.
- 17 We added the southern multipurpose rooms to the worship
- 18 space. It's contiguous to the space. It's just on the
- 19 other side of a movable partition.
- 20 So if I expand the multipurpose space toward the
- 21 parking lot -- south toward the parking lot then it
- becomes part of one contiguous, big space, that's the
- 23 additional 70 spaces, that's the additional space
- 24 necessary.
- 25 Our very first presentation we had multipurpose

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- 1 that they observed occupancy per car of 1.37. I am
- 2 telling you what the gentleman said.
- 3 So if you have 437, you know, worshippers there
- 4 at 1.37 per car you are looking at at least 300 parking
- 5 spaces.
- 6 MR. FINELLI: But the worship space
- 7 is 320.
- 8 MR. MALLELA: I thought 437.
- 9 MR. FINELLI: 437 is the entire
- 10 building, worship space is 320.
- MR. MALLELA: Even with 320 with
- 12 1.37 you still need about 220, about 200 at least,
- 13 right?
- MS. TUBMAN: No, that was Mr. Ney's
- 15 testimony. Mr. Ney was the appropriate witness whom to
- 16 ask those questions at the last meeting. This witness
- 17 cannot, he is an architect.
- 18 MR. MALLELA: I am basing it on the
- 19 statement made that it meets current occupancy.
- 20 Current occupancy meets the parking spaces that you
- 21 have.
- 22 MR. FINELLI: What I'm saying is our
- 23 numbers jive.
- 24 The numbers that we were given to work with that
- 25 were arrived at in discussions with the board and the

1 rooms on the north side of the space that were also

- 2 separated by a movable partition. We eliminated that
- з partition.
- 4 It is a hard partition. It can't be breached.
- 5 So that space is no longer available for worship space
- 6 so it is limited to 320 persons.
- MR. MALLELA: Now I'm totally
- 8 confused. I thought the original numbers were around
- 9 500.
- 10 MR. FINELLI: The only number that I
- 11 have testified to is 437 persons in the entire
- 12 building, and the only number that has changed is the
- worship space because we've cut out the potential of
- 14 these northern multipurpose rooms to be used.
- 15 MR. MALLELA: How many spaces does
- 16 that eliminate?
- 17 MR. FINELLI: I forget the
- 18 difference, but our number at this point is 320 persons
- 19 in the worship space for maximum posted occupancy
- 20 limit.
- MR. MALLELA: Okay. With 320 you
- 22 still are looking at about 230, 240 parking spaces.
- MR. FINELLI: I really can't do
- 24 that, I don't know. I know inside.
- MR, MALLELA: 320 divided by 240.

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- MR. FINELLI: That's not my area of 1
- 2 expertise.
- MR. MALLELA: It's just math, but 3
- 4 I'm saying in a statement that meeting is something
- 5 that I guess somebody has to come back.
- MR. FINELLI: There is a lot of
- 7 discussion between the board professionals and our
- 8 professionals and that revision to the plan reflected a
- decision that would help bring those numbers --
- MR. MALLELA: So that means somebody 10
- 11 discussed with the board and everybody?
- MR. FINELLI: We had a lot of 12
- 13 testimony.
- MR. MALLELA: I have notes from the 14
- testimony, thank you. 15
- MS. TUBMAN: If there are no more 16
- 17 questions --
- A VOICE: I have one. 18
- MS. TUBMAN: Sorry. 19
- MS. CILLO: My name is Marianne 20
- 21 Cillo. I'm at 1174 Staffler Road. I haven't testified
- 22 before.
- MR. COLLINS: Please raise your 23
- 24 right hand.
- (Whereupon Marianne Cillo is duly 25

1 around and check and say nobody can be in these other

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- 2 rooms?
- MR. FINELLI: Well, the worship
- 4 space is solely used for worship function so there
- wouldn't be people in those spaces.
- MS. CILLO: I understand there
- 7 wouldn't be people.
- 8 I understand that the worship space -- from what
- 9 I understand the worship space is 320 for people, and
- 10 there is a little space over there, 30, for women
- 11 assuming maybe some of those 30 go with their husbands
- 12 so 320 total. I don't know what the other 70 is. I
- 13 assume the other south space of 70 is only male.
- 14 So it's only 30 for the women, but while the
- 15 assembly is going on, what stops the other 100-some
- 16 people being in the other rooms? Does somebody
- 17 physically go around and force people out?
- 18 What prevents people during worship -- I know
- 19 there is a wall. I want to know what prevents people
- from being at this facility so that it's not 437
- people. 21
- MR. FINELLI: It's just this 22
- 23 program, you know, and the programmed use of the
- 24 building.
- 25 It's no different than this space. If you read

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1 the very first meeting that we tried to have in this

- 2 building there were more people.
- 3 MS. CILLO: I was here.
- MR. FINELLI: The meeting got
- 5 cancelled and rescheduled to another day. So there is
- 6 a responsibility of the owners.
- MS. CILLO: So what are the
- 8 guarantees that when 320 people are in this building,
- 9 you know, that nobody else enters? How does that get
- 10 monitored?
- MR. FINELLI: Well, I mean, it's by 11
- 12 design.
- 13 It's by design of the program, it's by design of
- 14 the schedule and it's by the practice of how all of
- 15 these spaces function. They don't -- you know, it's
- 16 like overbooking a restaurant. They don't overbook the
- 17 building.
- 18 So the prayer spaces are designed for use at
- 19 those prayer times during the day, and those times
- 20 during the day with the midday Friday as an example
- 21 where the expectation is the largest congregational
- 22 prayer meeting of the week then the other rooms are not
- 23 scheduled for use.
- MS. CILLO: I understand they are 24
- 25 not scheduled for use. I am asking what is the actions

1 sworn.) MR. COLLINS: Please spell your last 2

- 3 name. MS. CILLO: "C" as in Charles,
- 5 i-l-l-o.
- MR. COLLINS: Yes, ma'am.
- MS. CILLO: I just have one question
- 8 I can't understand.
- 9 How do you control -- if the maximum occupancy is
- 10 437 and I understand that it's 320 for worship, how do
- 11 you control that 437 people are not in the room?
- 12 Are they going to, you know, lock these
- 13 multipurpose rooms? Is someone going to chase
- 14 everybody? How? I mean, how does that get controlled
- 15 if the maximum occupancy is 437?
- MR. FINELLI: Well, the 437 is for 16
- 17 the entire building --
- MS. CILLO: I understand. 18
- MR. FINELLI: -- and the 320 is for 19
- 20 the assembly space and it is posted.
- MS. CILLO: I understand it is 21
- 22 posted, but that says to me 320 can be in the assembly
- 23 space.
- 24 Is there physically people removed from those
- 25 other spaces during the assembly? Does somebody go

- 1 that happen to prevent people being in those spaces?
- MR. FINELLI: It's just -- it is the
- 3 management of the schedule of the use of the building
- 4 like any other building.
- MS. CILLO: Now I have a question
- 6 for the board because I understand you can't talk about
- 8 How does this work? How does it work if people
- 9 weren't here for the parking testimony or when this
- 10 other gentleman is doing the mathematical?
- MR. COLLINS: Ma'am, basically you 11
- 12 are in a hearing and there is a record of that hearing,
- 13 and you are entitled to look at that record.
- 14 It's long, but it's verbatim by a
- 15 transcriptionist, by the stenographer to your left. So
- 16 they're expected to -- if you want to read it and to
- 17 know that that's part of the record.
- 18 So everything said to date is part of the record,
- 19 and the remainder of the hearing will be on the record
- 20 and that is a hearing. You have to stay for the
- 21 hearing and that's what hearings are.
- MS. CILLO: But if there are further 22
- 23 questions on this topic since they reengineered the
- 24 space --
- MR. COLLINS: This is the last 25

- - 1 now, but you have to ask within the next minute or two.

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- MS. CILLO: I guess that's my only
- 3 question. I guess I don't understand about parking,
- 4 but I know I can't ask this gentleman parking so I'll
- 5 leave it at that. I still don't understand 437 either,
- 6 but --
- 7 MR. RUSAK: Yes, sir.
- 8 MR. OROZCO: Mr. Orozco. As the
- 9 architect, what would your recommendation be if all of
- 10 a sudden every single mat was being occupied and it was
- 11 -- and you didn't have any more space for people that
- 12 were coming in? What would your recommendation be to
- 13 the AlFalah Center?
- MR. FINELLI: Plant another worship 14
- 15 center somewhere else.
- MR. OROZCO: Or another service? 16
- MR. FINELLI: You asked my 17
- 18 recommendation. My recommendation would be build
- another worship center somewhere else. 19
- MR. OROZCO: Wouldn't -- would it --20
- 21 wouldn't it be more prudent to tell them have a second
- 22 service?
- MR. FINELLI: That might be your 23
- recommendation. 24
- MS. TUBMAN: I'm not certain whether 25

- 1 you were at the hearing at which the president
- 2 testified, but he said that a second service was
- 3 certainly an option. I do recognize you from prior
- 4 hearings.
- MR. OROZCO: I recognize you also.
- MS. TUBMAN: Well, I'm happy to be 6
- 7
- MR, OROZCO: I'm happy too.
- MR. COLLINS: We're happy you're 9
- 10 back.
- MR. OROZCO: So your response would 11
- be that you would tell them to get another building, 12
- 13 right?
- 14 MR. FINELLI: That would be my
- 15 recommendation.
- MR, OROZCO: And if getting another 16
- 17 building for your client wasn't feasible and as the
- president of the AlFalah Center said it probably be
- advantageous to open up a second service.
- 20 I keep going back to the question how would the
- 21 parking be handled, but I know it is not your scope,
- 22 correct?
- 23 MR. FINELLI: Correct.
- MR. OROZCO: And since it is not 24
- 25 your scope I think the way to mitigate that would be to

- 1 witness as far as we know. So if you have any 2 questions about this witness you should try to finish
- 3 it now.
- MS. CILLO: No, I think my question 4
- 5 is -
- MR, COLLINS: No, there's no 6
- other ---7
- MS. CILLO: But they've reengineered 8
- 9
- MR. COLLINS: You have to ask any 10
- questions you have of this witness now unless he gets
- 12 called back down, but I doubt he will be called back 13 again.
- 14 So take a minute, compose your thoughts,
- 15 focus your questions and ask them, that's the way it
- 16 works.
- MS. CILLO: You reengineered the 17
- 18 space so maybe it is to the attorney here.
- MR. COLLINS: No, it is to --19
- MS. CILLO: I just don't understand. 20
- 21 He reengineered the space, right? You are saying go
- 22 back and look at the record and that's where you get
- 23 the counsel on the parking.
- MR. COLLINS: No. you can ask 24
- 25 whatever question is relative to this proceeding right

- 1 have alternate parking, and then the parking of cars
- 2 going in and out would be mitigated because you will
- 3 have people parking in alternate locations such as the
- 4 mall or maybe by the Little League or everybody will
- 5 carpool, drive in and drop off, and then you will be
- 6 able to fill those two services. Does that sound
- 7 feasible or am I off base?
- 8 MR. FINELLI: Way off base.
- 9 MR. OROZCO: Really? How come?
- MS. TUBMAN: He can't answer that
- 11 question.
- MR. OROZCO: But is it possible?
- MR, FINELLI: It seems -- it seems
- 14 like a bad idea to me.
- 15 Take other instances where a facility is used for
- 16 more than one service. They don't stack one after the
- 17 other. There's a couple hours off and couple hours on
- 18 so you give the facility a chance to completely empty,
- 19 get the building -- give the building a chance to
- 20 completely empty, give the parking lot a chance to
- 21 completely empty and couple hours later they come back.
- 22 It's like a split doubleheader. There would be
- 23 doubleheaders every Sunday, that doesn't happen
- 24 anymore. Seats are completely empty, the parking lots
- 25 have completely emptied and couple hours later they're

- 1 Is it possible or is it planned to put
 - 2 loudspeakers or is it not going to be permitted to put
 - 3 loudspeakers in the other rooms which would enable
 - 4 additional worshippers since you do have occupancy
 - 5 allowance of over 400?
 - 6 MR. FINELLI: We have testified to
 - 7 that previously. The testimony was that will not be
 - 8 the case.
 - 9 MS. GROSS: So you will have only
 - 10 maximum 320 in the building at any time?
 - MR. FINELLI: No, I didn't say that.
 - 12 I said the maximum amount of occupants in the worship
 - 13 space is 320, that is the -- that will be the time the
 - 14 building itself is most heavily used.
 - MS. GROSS: That's 320 persons at
 - 16 the same time?
 - MR. FINELLI: We were asked to give
 - 18 a calculation of the entire building based on the uses
 - 19 of all the spaces. Based on the uses of all the spaces
 - 20 that occupancy limit is 437 people.
 - MS. GROSS: So if you have 437
 - 22 people in there you are actually -- I understand you
 - 23 can't talk about the parking spaces, but actually
 - 24 really prayer is five times a day.
 - 25 MR. FINELLI: Correct.

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- 1 filled back up.
- MR. OROZCO: Is that truly the way
- 3 it is going to happen?
- 4 MR. FINELLI: I have no idea. You
- 5 asked my recommendation. My recommendation is to build
- 6 another building.
- 7 MR. OROZCO: Okay, thank you.
- 8 MS. GROSS: My name is Judy Gross.
- 9 I live at 977 Rector Road, Bridgewater.
- MR. COLLINS: Were you previously
- 11 sworn?
- MS. GROSS: No, I wasn't.
- MR. COLLINS: Please raise your
- 14 right hand.
- 15 (Whereupon Judy Gross is duly
- 16 sworn.)
- MS. GROSS: I apologize, I was
- 18 detained and I didn't hear the beginning of your
- 19 testimony. I have a question.
- 20 As I understand it from the time I came in there
- 21 is a wall now so that it restricts to 320 worshippers
- 22 at one time, correct?
- MR. FINELLI: Correct.
- MS. GROSS: Well, there are other
- 25 rooms that are available.

- 1 MS. GROSS: And you will have -- you
- 2 will be having people come in and out five times a day
- 3 with maximum of 320 each time, but you will have other
- 4 things going on at the same time.
- 5 MR. FINELLI: See, this is why the
- 6 numbers are -- this is why just looking at the numbers
- 7 it's not explaining the use of the building.
- 8 There's been a lot of testimony. So, you know,
- 9 if you're interested I would go back and read the
- 10 testimony, but there is a schedule.
- 11 There is a schedule to every part of the
- 12 building. Prayer is not the only thing on the
- 13 schedule. There are scheduled uses for all the rest of
- 14 the building. Not only was there testimony to that,
- 15 there is also testimony to the expectation of occupancy
- 16 at those other prayer times.
- 17 Yes, the prayers are five times a day, but there
- 18 is no expectation that this worship space is going to
- 19 be filled at sunrise on a Tuesday morning, that's just
- 20 the reality. There's no expectation of that.
- 21 So I think you have to read all the testimony
- rather than just look at the numbers and assume I am
- 23 going to have 437 people vying for space within a
- 24 building.
- MS. GROSS: I've seen many mosques

- 1 and I've lived in the Middle East and often every
- 2 prayer session is filled.
- 3 So when you say "expectation," I question whether
- 4 the expectations are applicable or not applicable to
- 5 Bridgewater, New Jersey. Thank you.
- 6 MR. LU: William Lu, L-u, from
- 7 Bridgewater. My question is when was that architecture
- 8 reengineered?
- MR. FINELLI: I can tell you the
- 10 date of submission that we have posted on here is
- 11 August the 4th, that's just the date the drawing was
- 12 published.
- MS. TUBMAN: There was a drawing.
- 14 Mr. Lu, if I can finish answering your question there
- 15 was a -- there was a drawing submitted that did not
- 16 have the mat layout but did have the hard wall
- 17 partition, that was submitted to the board with a
- 18 letter listing other exhibits as well on May 10, 2014.
- 19 So it's been in the record since then.
- MR. LU: Okay. Is this consistent
- 21 with testimony of the president of AlFalah?
- 22 He was saying if the parking space occupied or
- 23 the building was fully occupied if they were exceed the
- 24 posted number of people in the building they will have
- 25 volunteer standing in the entrance to turn people away

- 1 service?
 - 2 MR. FINELLI: Correct.
 - 3 MS. OROZCO: Then why the need for
 - 4 space for 437 people? What kind of activities would
- 5 you use that for?
- 6 The other question is during worship services,
- 7 would that mean if they have a daycare that they would
- 8 remove the children from the building for the worship
- 9 service and bring them back? I didn't understand that 10 part.
- 11 MR. FINELLI: I would just refer you
- 12 to previous testimony.
- 13 There is a schedule. There is a program of
- 14 functions and activities on and a daily schedule in the
- 15 testimony and that was given by others. I would refer 16 you to that.
- MS. OROZCO: I was around for one of
- 18 the meetings when somebody talked about that, but I
- 19 didn't see anything like a posted document that
- 20 actually laid out the plans for the daily use of the
- 21 building and the times.
- 22 I guess I would be concerned if children were in
- 23 the building, and then they had worship services and
- 24 the children have to come out of the building. So what
- 25 accommodations would be made?

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- 1 or send people to the close mosque which is 30 minutes
- 3 MS. TUBMAN: Mr. Lu, you were there
- 4 at that hearing and you heard that testimony. This
- 5 witness was not.
- 6 MR. LU: So you are not aware of
- 7 that?
- 8 MS. TUBMAN: Were you here when
- 9 Yosef testified?
- MR. FINELLI: No, I was not.
- 11 MR. LU: Okay.
- 12 MS. TUBMAN: Thank you.
- 13 MS. OROZCO: Kim Orozco. I wanted
- 14 to clear up a couple things I didn't understand and you
- 15 may not be able to answer.
- 16 You did say the building holds slightly over I
- 17 think 430 people maximum occupancy in every space that
- 18 is possibly available.
- 19 MR. FINELLI: 437.
- MS. OROZCO: If you use 1.37 people
- 21 per car it's about 329 parking spaces that will be
- 22 required, but you are assuring the board and the
- 23 residents that you are not going to exceed the 320.
- 24 MR. FINELLI: 320.
- MS. OROZCO: 320 for the worship

- 1 I may not understand and possibly in that faith
- 2 they wouldn't run a daycare on a Friday. So you are
- 3 saying that schedule would be in a record somewhere?
- 4 MR. FINELLI: Yes.
- 5 MS. OROZCO: Is there a way to pin
- 6 down what meeting that would have been discussed?
- 7 MR. COLLINS: You have to ask the
- 8 witness questions.
- 9 MS. OROZCO: Is there a way to
- 10 pinpoint which meeting that was discussed so I have a
- 11 time frame?
- MR, FINELLI: It wasn't my
- 13 testimony.
- MS. OROZCO: And I know it wasn't
- 15 clear. If it was the meeting I am thinking about it
- 16 wasn't quite that specific because I'm just -- I
- 17 realize everybody here and myself are a bit confused.
- 18 We understand what you are saying about the
- 19 worship service and how many people can fit, but the
- 20 number of occupancy for the whole building is much
- 21 larger.
- 22 So that calls into question what other purpose
- 23 would it be used where you might exceed the parking lot
- 24 space based on 1.37 people per car significantly
- 25 because I think you only had -- I forgot how many you

- 1 had, but nowhere near 300.
- MR. RUSAK: Any other members of the
- 3 public want to come forward? Any questions?
- 4 MR. FRANCO: I guess I'm just a
- 5 little confused. I just feel like we have a
- 6 disconnect.
- 7 We redesign the facility and that impacts parking
- 8 or it was created by the impact of the parking. We've
- 9 been given testimony with ratios and you are now giving
- 10 testimony, and we have to relate that information that
- 11 we received before to the testimony we are receiving
- 12 now. When you do that there is a bit of a disconnect,
- 13 and I don't know how we can fix this disconnect.
- 14 Do we need to get Mr. Ney back for testimony
- 15 because when I do the math for the 320 we need 233
- 16 parking spaces? I understand you can't address
- 17 parking, but how do we address it because it is a
- 18 rather large disconnect?
- 19 MS. TUBMAN: That is a question that
- 20 I hear.
- MR. FRANCO: Okay. Then perhaps we
- 22 have to get Mr. Ney back for testimony.
- MS. TUBMAN: We will consider that.
- 24 We hear you. I hear the questions that are being asked
- 25 and I hear your statement.

- 1 MR. FINELLI: They do count in
 - 2 occupancy and they don't drive, right.
 - 3 MS. JOSEFFRACK: Okay. So I guess
 - 4 my question to you is that assuming all occupants are
 - 5 adults is an erroneous assumption.
 - 6 MR. FINELLI: That's correct.
 - 7 MS. JOSEFFRACK: Thank you.
 - 8 MS. TUBMAN: If there are no further
 - 9 questions on this mat layout we do have --
 - MS. CILLO: I have a follow-up to
 - 11 this woman's question. Marianne Cillo. I just
 - 12 testified or asked questions earlier.
 - 13 I just don't understand children. I understand
 - 14 they don't drive and they do count in the occupancy,
 - 15 but what is the proportion because I still go back to
 - 16 the fact that you only have space for 30 women and 290
 - 17 men?
 - 18 So if you are making assumptions on families I
 - 19 struggle with the balance to this gentleman not making
 - 20 the calculations work to the parking spaces. I can't
 - 21 make it work either. Sounds like other people can't
 - 22 make it work.
 - 23 So I get it that children don't count. I get it
 - 24 30 women might be traveling with their husbands. I
 - 25 can't get it on the rest of the occupants. So what is

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- 1 MR. FRANCO: Okay, thank you.
- MS. TUBMAN: But this witness can't
- 3 address it.
- 4 MR. FRANCO: But his testimony has
- 5 created the syntax. He created this disconnect.
- 6 MS. TUBMAN: I'm not going to
- 7 comment on that.
- 8 MR. FRANCO: Okay.
- 9 MR. RUSAK: Any other questions?
- MR. FRANCO: No questions.
- 11 MS. JOSEFFRACK: My name is Susan
- 12 Joseffrack and I was previously sworn.
- MR. COLLINS: What's your last name
- 14 again?
- 15 MS. JOSEFFRACK: Joseffrack,
- 16 J-o-s-e-f-f-r-a-c-k.
- 17 MR. COLLINS: Thank you.
- 18 MS. JOSEFFRACK: What comes to my
- 19 mind in the discrepancy here is accounting for children
- 20 and dropping off as part of the program.
- 21 I don't know if that helps to get our heads
- 22 around how there can be 400 people in the building when
- 23 there's only parking spaces for the occupancy of the
- 24 worship space. Children don't drive and children do
- 25 count in the occupancy; is that correct?

- 1 the percentage of children that would be in that 320?
- 2 MR. FINELLI: I can't answer that.
- 3 MS. CILLO: No further questions. I
- 4 think that is a valid question to figure out if
- 5 children count.
- 6 MR. FRANCO: I think there was
- 7 testimony there's going to be 40 children maximum in
- 8 the daycare; is that correct?
- 9 MR. FINELLI: I didn't hear you, I'm
- 10 sorry.
- 11 MR. FRANCO: I said wasn't there
- 12 testimony given that there is going to be 40 children
- 13 maximum for daycare?
- MS. TUBMAN: You wouldn't know that
- 15 answer and I don't have the transcript in front of me.
- MR. LU: Do you know what kind of
- 17 program?
- 18 MR. RUSAK: Please state your name
- 19 for the record.
- 20 MR. LU: William Lu. I previously
- 21 testified. Do you know what kind of program will be on
- 22 the schedule for the facility at whole time?
- MR. FINELLI: That's been testified
- 24 by others and it is in the record.
- MR. LU: Okay. And how many of

1 are those estimated attendees going to be affected by

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- 2 the number that you have there?
- MS. TUBMAN: Mr. Chairman, I don't
- understand what this report is. May I see it?
- MR. OROZCO: Absolutely.
- MS. TUBMAN: Garden Associates was 6
- 7 our prior landscape architect.
- 8 This is a response to Scarlett Doyle on
- 9 landscaping only, and behind it is a schedule that I
- 10 believe was marked Exhibit A-2 to which a
- 11 representative of AlFalah testified, it is in the
- 12 record, but it is not something that our architect
- 13 prepared or participated in or could speak to.
- MR. COLLINS: Well, then let's refer
- 15 to it as Exhibit A-2 because that's what you would
- 16 agree, Mr. Orozco, that is Exhibit A-2 from the prior
- meetings? 17
- MR. OROZCO: If she says so I will 18
- go with what she said. 19
- 20 MR. COLLINS: You got it somewhere
- 21 and it is not your document right now so you have to
- 22 help the witness know.
- MS. TUBMAN: It is listed in the 23
- 24 Land Use administrator report as Exhibit A-2 dated
- 25 February 24, 2014. It's misidentified in this listing

- 1 those are children involved?
- MR. FINELLI: I think you should
- look at the record and you will find it. I can't
- 4 testify to that and I don't know it off the top of my
- MR. LU: Are you aware when asked --6
- the question was asked of the president of AlFalah what
- 8 kind of program they are planning he had no idea what
- kind of program they have?
- MR. FINELLI: I wasn't. 10
- MS. TUBMAN: You were not at that 11
- 12 hearing.
- MR. LU: Thank you. 13
- MR. OROZCO: I have a copy from one 14
- 15 of the reports, can't really put a date on it.
- 16 The question is if I can show it to you, will you
- 17 be able to tell me if you seen it before? Is that all
- 18 right since I don't want to start calling numbers out
- without you looking at it?
- MR. COLLINS: Go ahead, sir, show 20
- 21 him the document. Go ahead and show him the document
- 22 you would like to ask him questions about and ask if he
- 23 recognizes it.
- MR. FINELLI: It looks like a 24
- 25 general rule of scheduled events.

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- 1 as a schedule of prayer times.
- MR. COLLINS: So, sir, sounds like
- 3 the two documents are disconnected. They're not
- 4 related. A-2 in evidence is a record exhibit.
- 5 You have the right to cross-examine this witness
- 6 as to that exhibit, but I think he's telling you his
- 7 answer that he hasn't recognized it.
- 8 If you want to get that on the record go ahead
- 9 and get it clearly on the record if you want to. If
- 10 you have a question about a particular phrase of it you
- 11 might be able to ask a question without using the
- 12 document. Ask questions.
- MR. OROZCO: Do you have that record 13
- 14 available?
- MR. FINELLI: I do not. 15
- 16 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Finelli, do you
- even recognize A-2, the page with the list of 17
- activities and people? 18
- MR. FINELLI: I do not recognize it 19
- 20 as specific to our project, no.
- MR. COLLINS: So, Mr. Orozco, you 21
- 22 have to move away from the exhibit. He doesn't
- 23 recognize the exhibit. You might be able to ask him
- questions, but that is exhausted. 24
- MR. OROZCO: Well, since you don't

MR. COLLINS: Now can you just

- identify what that is, Mr. Orozco, so that the record
- 3 is clear?
- MR. OROZCO: It is page 35 of 36,
- 5 and as I work my way back I have a title of this page
- 6 called "Garden Associates Landscape Architecture,"
- 7 February 8th of 2011. It was sent to Scarlett Doyle,
- 8 that's all I have here, and as I go back it's all the
- 9 other titles.
- 10 Having said that, the reason why I wanted to ask
- 11 if you seen these in this table they show the daily
- 12 activities, right? I'm assuming that at some point you
- 13 must have seen something similar to this I guess. I
- don't know if you saw this particular one. 14
- MR. FINELLI: I can't testify to 15
- 16 that particular one. There's nothing identifying that
- 17 as being ours. It looks, like I said, like a general
- schedule of daily events. 18
- MR. OROZCO: Fair enough. If I may 19
- 20 read a couple lines in here.
- 21 It says, Activity. Worship daily. Prayer daily
- 22 one hour before sunrise, and I'm sure a lot of us seen
- 23 this. Estimated attendees five to 20.
- 24 I am going to read it because they're going to
- 25 increase in volume, and my question is going to be how

- 1 recognize it, do I reserve the right to get my hands on
- 2 the document and have you come back and answer it?
- 3 MS. TUBMAN: He cannot testify to
- 4 this document. He didn't prepare it.
- 5 MR. OROZCO: I'm not talking about
- 6 this document, whichever document he does recognize.
- 7 Do I reserve the right to come back and answer my
- 8 questions?
- 9 MR. COLLINS: You don't. It's not
- 10 the question. You have the right to ask questions now.
- 11 MR. OROZCO: Only now?
- MR. COLLINS: You can ask questions
- 13 that are not based upon an exhibit that he doesn't
- 14 recognize. You can just ask him questions about some
- 15 words --
- 16 MR. OROZCO: Okay.
- MR. COLLINS: -- that you might be
- 18 concerned about.
- MR. OROZCO: You do not recognize
- 20 the document, but -- okay. Are you aware of the daily
- 21 prayers and the schedules that they are going to be
- 22 having here?
- MR. FINELLI: Generally, yes.
- MR. OROZCO: Which are?
- MR. FINELLI: Five times a day.

- 1 one to two is estimated attendees of 250 with an
 - 2 estimated parking of 150, but that has nothing to do
 - 3 with you, not in your scope of work. Ramadan, when is
 - 4 that held like the time schedule?
 - 5 MR. FINELLI: I have no idea.
 - 6 MR. OROZCO: Any idea about the
 - 7 number of attendees?
 - 8 MR. FINELLI: No.
 - 9 MR. OROZCO: Estimated?
 - 10 MR. FINELLI: Nope.
 - 11 MR. OROZCO: Okay. I am getting
 - 12 about 150. Eid prayers, do you know how often that's
 - 13 held?
 - MR. FINELLI: I think the service is
 - 15 maybe twice a year.
 - MR. OROZCO: That's correct. And
 - 17 the estimate of the number of attendees?
 - 18 MR. FINELLI: Nope.
 - MR. OROZCO: I'm getting here 500,
 - 20 but then how is that going to affect your occupancy?
 - MR. FINELLI: We did testify
 - 22 previously on the record that this very congregation
 - 23 has rented space before at the Redwood Inn, and we also
 - 24 testified that for those -- for those functions those
 - 25 couple of times a year where they expect greater than

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- 1 MR. OROZCO: Five times a day. What
- 2 would be the estimated attendee number?
- 3 MR. FINELLI: That I can't answer.
- 4 I can tell you when the least attendance and greatest
- 5 attendance is, but I can't tell you fact numbers.
- 6 MR. OROZCO: Okay. Friday prayers.
- 7 Are you aware of when Friday prayers? I mean, what
- 8 time?
- 9 MR. FINELLI: Same, five times a
- 10 day, yes.
- MR. OROZCO: Are you aware of any
- 12 estimated number of attendees?
- MR. FINELLI: Estimated?
- MR. OROZCO: On Friday prayers.
- MR. FINELLI: You know, current
- 16 projections?
- 17 MR. OROZCO: Yeah, projection.
- 18 MR. FINELLI: Yeah.
- MR. OROZCO: Okay. The answer to my
- 20 first question is back to based on the document that
- 21 you don't recognize. The answer to the second question
- 22 is 250. Third question --
- MR. FINELLI: And is that -- all
- 24 five times a day, is that early in the morning, midday?
- MR. OROZCO: The Friday prayer from

- 1 320 that they have services elsewhere. They would not
- 2 have services at this facility. It's testimony that is
- 3 on the record.
- 4 MR. OROZCO: They wouldn't split it
- 5 half earlier and half hour later?
- 6 MR. FINELLI: That's not testimony
- 7 on the record.
- 8 MS. TUBMAN: Yes, it is.
- 9 MR. FINELLI: Was it?
- 10 MS. TUBMAN: There is also a
- 11 possibility of splitting services, but it came up in
- 12 the context of the Friday midday prayer, but it's --
- 13 I'm sorry, this is not a witness who can answer these
- 14 series of questions based upon a document of which he
- 15 has no knowledge.
- MR. OROZCO: I understand that. I
- 17 understand that.
- 18 MR. COLLINS: Ms. Tubman's objection
- 19 is sustained.
- 20 This witness cannot testify as to a document he
- 21 doesn't recognize, and you can move on to any questions
- 22 that he might be able to answer without reference to
- 23 that document.
- MR. OROZCO: It is my understanding
- 25 that the school part of the AlFalah Center was removed

1 from the application; is that correct?

- 2 MR. FINELLI: Yes.
- 3 MR. OROZCO: But the daycare will
- 4 stay, right?
- 5 MR. FINELLI: Correct.
- 6 MR. OROZCO: No further questions,
- 7 thank you.
- 8 MS. GRANETZ: Arlene Granetz. I was
- 9 previously sworn. G-r-a-n-e-t-z.
- 10 MAYOR HAYES: Just speak in the
- 11 microphone so we can hear you, you're low.
- MS. GRANETZ: Do you want me to
- 13 repeat my name?
- 14 MAYOR HAYES: No, she got it.
- MS. GRANETZ: Are you the gentleman
- 16 that had proposed the minaret be put in because you had
- 17 done other mosques and felt that it was appropriate to
- 18 have it built with this mosque?
- MR. FINELLI: Yeah, I designed the
- 20 building with the minaret, yes.
- MS. GRANETZ: Much testimony before
- 22 at other meetings.
- 23 There was a question I believe whether it was
- 24 going to be -- you were going -- someone was going to
- 25 discuss whether it would be eliminated or not. Was

- 1 present or future for sound or light in the minaret.
- 2 MS. GRANETZ: Yet it is built on top
- 3 of the electrical system of the building.
- 4 MR. FINELLI: No, it's built on top
- 5 of what's currently the electric room. I mean, I'm not
- 6 sure what that means. Doesn't mean anything.
- 7 MS. GRANETZ: I'm not either. I
- 8 just don't know why it had to be in that section if
- 9 it's never going to be used.
- 10 MS. TUBMAN: With electricity?
- 11 MR. FINELLI: Well, I don't -- if
- 12 you want to rehash design philosophy.
- MS. GRANETZ: No, I'm asking about
- 14 the minaret.
- MR. FINELLI: That's the best place
- 16 for it.
- MS. GRANETZ: In the electrical
- 18 area?
- MR. FINELLI: No, that's the best
- 20 place for it on the building and on the site, that is
- 21 the best place there.
- MS. GRANETZ: And what is around
- 23 that area that is proposed to be built?
- MR. FINELLI: The space you are
- 25 talking about is here.

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- 1 there anything done about that?
- 2 MS. TUBMAN: There was a question at
- 3 one of the first hearings that this witness cannot
- 4 address and that is whether AlFalah would consider
- 5 reducing the height of and possibly eliminating the
- 6 minaret, a possibility of lowering the dome.
- 7 It's not -- these are policy questions. They are
- 8 questions that go right to the definition of this as a
- 9 Muslim house of worship, and it is not appropriate to
- 10 ask the architect to make --
- MS. GRANETZ: I believe the
- 12 architect is the one that decided he would put it in,
- 13 but AlFalah did not ask for it.
- MS. TUBMAN: Is that correct, did
- 15 AlFalah not ask for a minaret?
- MS. GRANETZ: That's what you
- 17 testified.
- MR. FINELLI: The design is not.
- 19 AlFalah asked me to design the building, yes.
- MS. GRANETZ: All right. One other
- 21 question about it because you designed it. Am I
- 22 correct in saying that it will never be electrified?
- MR. FINELLI: The minaret?
- 24 MS. GRANETZ: Yes.
- MR. FINELLI: There is no provision

- 1 Everything to the south is the parking.
- 2 Everything to the north is the building, the one-story
- 3 building. Everything to the east is the public road.
- 4 MS. GRANETZ: In that little room,
- 5 that little rectangle or square.
- 6 MR. FINELLI: That is the electrical
- 7 equipment room.
- 8 MS. GRANETZ: Thank you.
- 9 MR. MCNAMARA: Good evening. My
- 10 name is Patrick McNamara. I am an attorney with the
- 11 law office of Scarinci, Hollenbeck. I am here on
- 12 behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Rinaldo who are property owners.
- 13 Mr. Finelli, when I asked you a series of
- 14 questions at the hearing on January 29th one of the
- 15 subjects I brought up at that time was an evaluation as
- 16 to the fire rating that was necessary for the movable
- 17 walls where daycare areas had been demarcated.
- 18 Have you had the opportunity to review the
- 19 International Building Code for fire requirements in
- 20 that regard?
- MR. FINELLI: I have not.
- MR. MCNAMARA: Is it still your
- 23 position those walls with the movable features still
- 24 meet those requirements and do not require hard walls
- 25 with a fire rating of 24 hours for daycare operation?

- MS. TUBMAN: There is a mistake in 1
- 2 that question. The daycare rooms are hard wall at this
- 3 point.
- MR. MCNAMARA: They are all now hard
- wall? 5
- MS. TUBMAN: Yes. 6
- MR. MCNAMARA: Thank you. 7
- 8 MR. COLLINS: Is that shown on this,
- A-5? 9
- 10 MR. FINELLI: Yes, sir.
- MR. COLLINS: The daycare rooms that 11
- 12 are -- are the same rooms where you said the new or the
- 13 fixed wall will be built instead of the partition wall?
- 14 MR. FINELLI: Yes, sir.
- MR. COLLINS: And are they going to 15
- 16 be of the rating that Mr. McNamara was asking about for
- 17 the International Building Code for fire rating? I
- 18 think he said 24 hours.
- MS. TUBMAN: You are making an 19
- 20 assumption as to what the International Code says, and
- 21 I don't know that that's the appropriate ---
- MR. COLLINS: Will they be of -- is 22
- 23 there a special rating because of the daycare?
- MR. FINELLI: I would say they will
- 25 meet the building code.

- MR. FINELLI: They would not be.
 - MS. JACKEWICZ: They couldn't be in
 - 3 that area where the removable partition is or they

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- 4 could be?
- MR. FINELLI: I think that is a
- 6 matter of how they manage the facility.
- 7 There's probably a preference that there is not
- food in all those areas, although there may be, but I
- will tell you the main prayer space would not.
- 10 MS. JACKEWICZ: So I guess my second
- 11 question is just I'm trying to determine if there were
- 12 a banquet or some kind of ceremony or something like
- 13 that, what could be the max occupancy for that given
- the space it is allowed to be in?
- 15 MR. FINELLI: The occupancy assembly
- 16 use is 320 and is the greatest intensity of assembly
- use for that space. So whatever it is it will be less
- than that number.
- MS. JACKEWICZ: So it doesn't 19
- matter. 20
- MR. FINELLI: I don't know what that 21
- 22 number is.
- MS. JACKEWICZ: I thought like per 23
- 24 room.
- MR. FINELLI: No, it's always going 25

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- 1 to be -- there is no use -- there is no assembly use
- 2 that is greater than this assembly use.
- 3 So whatever is in there like tables and chairs
- 4 take up more space than no tables and chairs. Chairs
- take up more space than no chairs.
- MS. JACKEWICZ: I thought that space 6
- was only going to be used for prayer?
- MR. FINELLI: This space is only
- going to be used for prayer. You are asking about some
- assembly use other than a prayer space. 10
- MS. JACKEWICZ: Yes. 11
- MR. FINELLI: Like dinner, a 12
- 13 wedding.
- MS. JACKEWICZ: Yes. 14
- MR. FINELLI: Whatever it is it is 15
- going to be less than 320 because I'm not using this
- 17 space.
- MS. JACKEWICZ: So it has to be less 18
- than 320. 19
- MR. FINELLI: Has to be less than 20
- 21 320.
- MS. JACKEWICZ: Thank you. 22
- 23 MR. RUSAK: Any other members of the
- public? Any questions from the board? 24
- 25 MS. TUBMAN: Then, Mr. Chairman,

MR. COLLINS: Whatever the code is

- you'll meet it?
- MR. FINELLI: Whatever the code is, 3
- 4 yes.
- MS. JACKEWICZ: Brooke Jackewicz. I
- 6 just have two more questions. The multipurpose rooms
- 7 that are opened up they are going to be opened up to
- the whole space now?
- MR. FINELLI: They can be. They
- will not always be open. 10
- MS. JACKEWICZ: So they have the 11
- 12 removable partition?
- MR. FINELLI: Correct. 13
- MS. JACKEWICZ: So is it your 14
- 15 understanding the main prayer floor is only for prayer
- 16 service?
- MR. FINELLI: That's correct. 17
- MS. JACKEWICZ: So it will not be 18
- 19 used for say banquet functions?
- MR. FINELLI: Correct. 20
- MS. JACKEWICZ: The banquet 21
- 22 functions can only happen in which multipurpose rooms?
- MR. FINELLI: Well, they wouldn't be 23
- in here. 24
- MS. JACKEWICZ: Okay. 25

- 1 preliminarily, and they're listed here by the title
- 1 from one of the very early, early meetings there was 2 one other question for this witness and that was at a
- 3 ratio of one square foot of building per 20 square feet
- 4 of land area, how much larger could this mosque be made
- 5 and that is a hypothetical question because any
- 6 enlargements would require a new site plan application
- and a return to this board, but there was submission
- 8 interest that we asked Mr. Finelli to look at.
- 9 So how much building addition could be put on
- 10 this building and remain within the ratio of building
- 11 to land area permitted as a conditional use which is
- 12 the limit of this board's jurisdiction?
- MR. FINELLI: Okay. So the amount
- 14 of square footage. We did that ratio of lot size to
- 15 building area, and there was approximately 1,140 square
- 16 feet of space that was unaccounted for.
- 17 MS. TUBMAN: Before you go on, why
- 18 don't we mark these A-7A, B and C, and they are
- alternative building expansions?
- 20 MS. VOORHEES: I would say A-6.
- 21 MS. TUBMAN: Alternative building
- 22 expansion plans.
- 23 MS. VOORHEES: Did we skip 6?
- 24 MR. COLLINS: We have A-5. Do we
- 25 already have A-6?

2 "Block Preliminary A," "Preliminary B," "Preliminary

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- 3 C." They'll be exhibits A-7A, A-7B, A-7C.
- 4 In Plan A we simply extended the corridor and at
- 5 the -- let's see. At the northeast corner of the
- 6 building that corridor is served on both sides by
- 7 daycare/multipurpose rooms.
- 8 We added a one-story addition in that corner of
- 9 39 feet, 2 inches by 29 feet, 3 inches, that is one
- 10 potential expansion of the space.
- 11 Preliminary B, this will be A-6 -- excuse me,
- 12 A-7B, extends the space in the same area. The
- 13 difference is as you recall from initial testimony we
- 14 have a covered concourse around the entire perimeter of
- 15 the building, that coverage counts as building
- 16 coverage.
- 17 So we had to take away from the enclosed space to
- 18 create the covered space. So the square foot --
- overall square footage is the same, but that enclosed
- 20 interior space is 39, 2 inches but doesn't accommodate
- 21 the corner, but the square footage is still ultimately
- 22 the same I think, same numbers.
- 23 Then last option, Option C, that will be A-7C,
- 24 and in this we just filled in the empty corner of the
- 25 building behind the prayer space into the north of the

- 1 building services and that space is 69 feet, 4 inches
- 2 by 16 feet, 6 inches.
- 3 Then in any of the cases they would be one-story
- 4 construction. There would be access and extension of
- 5 this corridor and would require another extension of
- 6 that same egress corridor, and again, in all three
- 7 cases there would be multipurpose --
- 8 daycare/multipurpose space in extension of that part of
- 9 the building.
- MR. COLLINS: None of these are 10
- 11 proposed. This is just the answer to the question
- 12 where might 1,140 square feet be located.
- MS. TUBMAN: The specific question
- 14 is how much larger can you make the building, and can
- 15 you show us some examples of how you might?
- MR. COLLINS: Thank you. 16
- 17 MR. FINELLI: So in all three cases
- 18 the addition is in the back of the building. It is
- 19 away from the road view, away from the parking lot.
- 20 It is about the only area that's essentially
- 21 buildable without affecting parking, driving, wetlands,
- 22 side yard setbacks, rear yard setbacks, that's the only 23 spot.
- 24 MR. RUSAK: We would like to open
- 25 the floor for any other questions.

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MS. TUBMAN: I believe A-6 should

2 have been the map with the mat layout.

MR. COLLINS: I thought that was

- The mat layout is A-6, my oversight, and A-7A, B
- 9 and C are potential building expansions.
- MR. COLLINS: A-5 would be the May 10 11 submission?
- MS. TUBMAN: May 10th submission to
- 13 the board, and there was a transmittal letter which is
- 14 how I dated it.
- 15 MR. COLLINS: That's fine, thank
- 16 you.

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4 A-5.

- 17 MS. TUBMAN: And I will leave a copy
- 18 with your secretary.
- MR. COLLINS: Thank you.
- (Whereupon A-5 is corrected to A-6
- 21 and A-7A, B and C are marked for identification.)
- MR. FINELLI: So we have 1,140 --
- 23 little bit more -- over 1,140 square feet of space to
- 24 add to the building.
- 25 There are three options that I looked at

- 1 you have to add parking?
 - MS. TUBMAN: Parking is based wholly
- 3 on prayer spaces in all houses of worship in
- Bridgewater.
- MR. MALLELA: But then this
- 6 multipurpose -- I mean, technically then you can place
- -- do parking based on prayer space and fill up the
- rest of the building with whole bunch of other
- activities, that's what he's saying. It doesn't make
- 10 sense, does it?
- 11 MR. FINELLI: You're making a
- statement.
- MR. MALLELA: No, I'm asking the 13
- 14 question.
- 15 I'm saying if you base it only on the prayer
- space you can put -- you can add this and put 300 other
- people, but parking doesn't have to increase because
- it's only based on the prayer space, that's what I'm
- hearing. Am I right or wrong? 19
- MR. FINELLI: The ordinance for this 20
- 21 and all other houses of worship is based upon prayer
- 22 space occupancy, yes.
- MR. MALLELA: Okay. So then does it 23
- make sense? It doesn't make sense, but okay, thanks.
- MR. RUSAK: Any other questions from 25

- MR. EISDORFER: Stephen Eisdorfer. 2 Mr. Finelli, you indicated that in one of your
- 3 alternatives you had to remove the canopy; is that
- correct?

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- MR. FINELLI: No, I didn't remove 5
- the canopy. I just didn't extend the canopy. 6
- MR. EISDORFER: Okay. The canopy
- 8 has to be counted in the coverage; is that correct?
- MR. FINELLI: Correct. 9
- 10 MR. EISDORFER: And what --
- MS. TUBMAN: Sidewalks, under roof 11
- 12 count.
- MR. EISDORFER: And what's the --13
- 14 can you tell us what the square footage of the area
- covered by the canopy is?
- MR. FINELLI: I can't break that out 16
- 17 for you now.
- MR. EISDORFER: Now I noticed that 18
- 19 in your third alternative you have a room that is
- contiguous with the prayer space, but you have it shown
- 21 as a possibility of opening that up to the prayer
- 22 space. Why haven't you?
- 23 MR. FINELLI: I don't show it
- opening up to prayer space. Is that the question?
- MR. EISDORFER: That's the question. 25

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- 1 It's contiguous with the prayer space. Why not include
- 2 it with the prayer space?
- 3 MR. FINELLI: Well, for a couple
- 4 reasons.
- 5 The first I think it goes to the question we
- 6 discussed the first time about the possible expansion,
- 7 and one reason we would not obtain the expansion is the
- 8 parking impact and other impact. So any increase in
- 9 square footage triggers a lot of things that we have no
- 10 intention of triggering.
- 11 The second question -- the second part of that
- 12 question is any space behind where the Mohammed would
- 13 stand would alter the entire function and use of that
- 14 space. So we would not create additional prayer space
- behind the speaker. 15
- MR. EISDORFER: Okay, thank you. 16
- MR. MALLELA: Shiv Mallela. Just a 17
- 18 question.
- 19 Is it possible to add these additional 1,140
- 20 square feet without increasing occupancy or if you add
- 21 1,140 will it automatically increase the occupancy? I
- 22 mean, you can use it for something so more people can
- 23 be coming.
- 24 So technically if you add anything you have to
- 25 add parking, right? Even if you put 200 square feet

- 1 the public? Any questions from the board?
- MR. COLLINS: This witness is
- 3 finished. Ms. Tubman, did you want to present another
- witness tonight?
- MS. TUBMAN: Not this evening. Mr. 5
- 6 Bosenberg committed at the last -- at his last
- 7 appearance to meet with Ms. Doyle and to come back with
- 8 additional landscaping comments. He is not available
- this evening so he will have to come to our next
- 10 hearing.
- MR. COLLINS: We'll be carrying the 11
- 12 case to September 22nd.
- MR. RUSAK: 22nd? 13
- MR. COLLINS: Regular meeting. 14
- MS. DOYLE: 22nd? 15
- MR. COLLINS: September 22nd meeting 16
- at seven p.m. at this meeting space and room.
- There will be no further notice, and it is
- expected that Mr. Bosenberg will be testifying at that
- 20 meeting, the landscape architect, and perhaps other
- 21 witnesses for the objectors may start unless Ms. Tubman
- 22 has another witness at that point.
- 23 So people should start preparing for the next
- 24 meeting as to possible testimony. So there will be no
- 25 further notice. The matter is carried to September

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 1 22nd, seven p.m.
      MR. RUSAK: Motion to adjourn?
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      MR. RODZINAK: So moved.
     MR. RUSAK: Second?
      MR. FRANCO: Second.
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     MR. RUSAK: Thank you.
      (Whereupon the matter is adjourned
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 8 for the evening.)
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