

City of Cape May Planning Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Opening: The meeting of the City of Cape May Planning Board was called to order by Chairman Bill Bezaire at 6:30 PM. In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice was provided.

Roll Call:	Mr. Bezaire, Chairperson	Present
	Mr. Shuler, Vice Chairperson	Present
	Mr. Elwell	Present
	Mr. Macciocchi	Present
	Councilmember Hendricks	Present
	Mr. Inderwies	Present
	Mr. Jones	Absent - excused
	Mayor Lear	Present
	Mr. Picard	Absent - excused
	Dr. Maslow Alt #1	Present
	Dr. Wolf Alt #2	Present

Also Present: Richard King, Esquire - Board Solicitor
Craig Hurless - Board Engineer
Tricia Oliver - Board Assistant

Minutes:

Motion was made by Mr. Elwell to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2017 Planning Board Meeting, seconded by Dr. Maslow and **carried 9-0**. Those in favor: Mr. Elwell, Mr. Macciocchi, Councilmember Hendricks, Mr. Inderwies, Mayor Lear, Dr. Maslow, Dr. Wolf, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Bezaire. Those opposing: None. Those abstaining: None.

Resolutions:

Motion was made by Mr. Inderwies to adopt Resolution number 10-10-2017: 1(A), an amended resolution for Ronald Sowers, 825 Washington Street, Block 1092, Lot(s) 19, seconded by Mr. Elwell, and **carried 9-0**. Those in favor: Mr. Elwell, Mr. Macciocchi, Councilmember Hendricks, Mr. Inderwies, Mayor Lear, Dr. Maslow, Dr. Wolf, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Bezaire. Those opposing: None. Those abstaining: None.

Motion was made by Mr. Elwell to adopt Resolution number 11-14-2017: 2 Resolution Supporting the submission of the Municipal Public Access Plan to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for review and approval in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7.7 and 7.7E., seconded by Mr. Inderwies, and **carried 9-0**. Those in favor: Mr. Elwell, Mr. Macciocchi, Councilmember Hendricks, Mr. Inderwies, Mayor Lear, Dr. Maslow, Dr. Wolf, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Bezaire. Those opposing: None. Those abstaining: None.

Discussion:

Discussion was undertaken by the Board members and professionals regarding the Environmental Resource Inventory as an appendix of the Master Plan, as provided by Rutala Associates, LLC. The board members voiced specific concerns with the language and tone of the document. The mention of solar energy, it was explained by Mr. Shuler, is a possible issue that would involve the Historic Preservation Commission.

Board Engineer Craig Hurless, clarified for the membership that the document is in fact an inventory, not particular recommendations and could be inconsistent with the views, standards, and policies, of this board, as well as other city boards and commissions. It was unclear to the membership if the detailed recommendations cited in Section 2 of document are statements of fact or if the board is expected to be endorsing such recommendations.

The overall agreement of the board was that there is a great need to make sure that the language used within the Environmental Resource Inventory is appropriate for the Board to approve as an appendix of the Master Plan.

Motion made by Mr. Elwell to table the Environmental Resource Inventory until the November 28, 2017 meeting, seconded by Dr. Wolf and **carried 9-0**. Those in favor: Mr. Elwell, Mr. Macciocchi, Councilmember Hendricks, Mr. Inderwies, Mr. Jones, Mayor Lear, Mr. Picard, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Bezaire. Those opposed: None. Those abstaining: None.

Mr. Bezaire introduced guests in attendance at the meeting. Members David Craig and Elissa Campanella, of the City Council appointed Master Plan Advisory Committee. He explained that this committee will be making reports to the Planning Board throughout the completion of the Master Plan Reexamination.

Board Engineer, Craig Hurless, presented his tentative timeline to complete the City's Master Plan Reexamination to the Board. He also explained a little more about the appointed Master Plan Advisory Committee; letting the board know that the total of ten (10) members of the committee are comprised of business owners and community members that will aid the Planning Board with soliciting public outreach, which will be extremely important during the Summer season when more residents can be present at scheduled meetings.

Mr. Hurless reviewed his presented timeline, stating that the start date was as of January 2018, but was certainly flexible; as many elements will overlap each other, some elements will be more involved than others, and there may also be additions/subtractions of elements as well.

Members of the board gave positive commentary on the preparation towards actively moving forward to the completion of the Master Plan Reexamination.

Motion made to adjourn by Mr. Elwell at 7:04 PM with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted: Tricia Oliver, Board Assistant.

****Copy of presentation available on the City of Cape May website.**