

City of Cape May Planning Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 26, 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	Absent - excused
	Mr. Shuler, Vice Chairperson	Present
	Mr. Elwell	Present
	Mr. Macciocchi	Present
	Councilmember Hendricks	Present
	Mr. Inderwies	Present
	Mr. Jones	Present
	Mayor Lear	Present
	Mr. Picard	Present
	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

Resolutions:

Motion was made by Councilmember Hendricks to adopt Resolution 09-12-2017: 2 Cape Jetty LLC "Jetty Hotel," 12 Second Avenue, Block 1012, Lot(s) 15.02, seconded by Mr. Inderwies, and **carried 8-0.** Those in favor: Mr. Elwell, Mr. Macciocchi, Councilmember Hendricks, Mr. Inderwies, Mr. Jones, Mayor Lear, Mr. Picard, Mr. Shuler. Those opposing: None. Those abstaining: Dr. Maslow.

Discussion:

Discussion was undertaken by the Board members and professionals regarding the Creative Placemaking Plan with Sustainable Jersey Certification as a Special Report of the City's Master Plan. The board members agreed that there were several questions that would go unanswered if a decision to adopt with into the Master Plan was made at the time. Board Engineer, Craig Hurless suggested that the Board have a brief presentation and be allowed to have a questions session with Mr. Jim Rutala at the next scheduled meeting. He continues to explain that Municipal Land Use Law provides the platform to allow special reports and addendums as supplements into the Master Plan.

The overall agreement of the board was that there is a great need to make sure that this new plan fits with the direction in which Cape May is going.

Motion made by Mr. Elwell to table the Creative Placemaking Plan until the October 10, 2017 meeting, seconded by Councilmember Hendricks and **carried 9-0**. Those in favor: Mr. Elwell, Mr. Macciocchi, Councilmember Hendricks, Mr. Inderwies, Mr. Jones, Mayor Lear, Mr. Picard, Dr. Maslow, Mr. Shuler. Those opposed: None. Those abstaining: None.

A general discussion ensued regarding the Master Plan Reexamination to be completed by 2019. Mr. Schuler addressed the board, indicating that a sole sourced procurement of a firm to complete the reexamination is the direction in which the Master Plan Subcommittee feel is most beneficial to the city. The board was in agreement that current Board Engineer, Craig Hurless of Polistina & Assoc., is the best fit to provide a proposal to the Board.

The process as to which steps take place to hiring an engineer were cited and Craig explained his ideals for preparing proposals for municipalities. Numerous references were made from the reexamination completed in 2009 and Craig assured that even though there are particular elements that are necessary to be a part of the reexamination, there are also areas that can be introduced as new elements that may be more significant to present day Cape May, as opposed to issues that were not perhaps apparent or relevant in 2009 or earlier.

The topics of beach safety, water supply, and also recycling were cited by the membership as possible elements, or supplements to, that are relevant to the city in present day. These areas were each briefly discussed amongst the board members.

Concluding the meeting, the board members were in agreement that they would like to review a drafted proposal from Craig to gain a little more knowledge as to what the reexamination of the Master Plan will entail; what elements are required to be incorporated versus which elements are sought to be initiated or explored more in depth.

Motion made to adjourn by Mr. Elwell at 7:25 PM with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted: Tricia Oliver, Board Assistant.

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