

City of Cape May Planning Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 13, 2015

Opening: The meeting of the City of Cape May Planning Board was called to order by Chairman William Bezaire, at 7:00 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. Jones	Present
	Mayor Dr. Mahaney	Present
	Mr. Elwell	Present
	Dr. France	Absent - Excused
	Mr. Meier	Present
	Mr. Winkworth	Present
	Mr. VanDeVaarst, 1 st Alternate	Present
	Mr. Macciocchi, 2 nd Alternate	Present

Also Present: George Neidig, Esquire – Board Solicitor
Craig Hurless, PE, PP, CME Associate – Polistina & Associates
Jill Devlin, Board Assistant

Vice Chairman Harley Shuler opened the meeting stating Mayor Mahaney wished to make an announcement before the general business. Mayor Mahaney announced that Planning Board member Jessie Weeks had passed away. Mayor Mahaney noted what a valuable member of the Board she had been, and other various committees' she has been a part of in the City of Cape May. He would like the Planning Board to honor her in some fashion as she stood out as an outstanding example of what civic involvement, civic pride and contribution is all about. Mr. Elwell suggested a resolution be passed that honored her years on the Board as well. Mr. Shuler stated she would be dearly missed and an appropriate memorial for her would be established.

Business: Reorganization

Harley Shuler welcomed Shaine Meier to the Board. Shaine was a prior member of the Zoning Board and is now a member of City Council. Mr. Shuler also thanked Mr. Winkworth for renewing his term on the Board.

Oath of Office: Mr. Jones, Mr. Meier, Mr. Macciocchi.

Chairperson

Motion made by Mr. Jones to appoint William Bezaire as Chairman of the Board, seconded by Mr. VanDeVaarst, who also motioned the nominations be closed, **carried 8-0**. Those in favor: Mr. Elwell, Mr. Meier, Mayor Mahaney, Mr. Winkworth, Mr. Jones, Mr. VanDeVaarst, Mr. Macciocchi, and Mr. Shuler. Those opposed: None. Those abstaining: None.

Vice Chairperson

Motion made by Mr. Jones to appoint Harley Shuler as Vice Chairman of the Board, seconded by Mr. Elwell with Mr. VanDeVaarst motioning the nominations be closed, **carried 7-0.** Those in favor: Mr. Elwell, Mr. Meier, Mayor Mahaney, Mr. Winkworth, Mr. Jones, Mr. VanDeVaarst, Mr. Macciocchi. Those opposed: None. Those abstaining: Mr. Shuler.

Board Attorney

Motion made by Mr. Meier to appoint George Neidig, Esquire, as Board Attorney, seconded by Mr. VanDeVaarst, with Mr. Elwell motioning the nominations be closed, **carried 8-0.** Those in favor: Mr. Elwell, Mr. Meier, Mayor Mahaney, Mr. Winkworth, Mr. Jones, Mr. VanDeVaarst, Mr. Macciocchi and Mr. Shuler. Those opposed: None. Those abstaining: None.

Board Engineer

Motion made by Mr. Jones to appoint Craig R. Hurless of Polistina & Associates as the Engineer to the Board, seconded by Mr. Meier, with Mr. Elwell motioning the nominations be closed, **carried 8-0.** Those in favor: Mr. Elwell, Mr. Meier, Mayor Mahaney, Mr. Winkworth, Mr. Jones, Mr. VanDeVaarst, Mr. Macciocchi and Mr. Shuler. Those opposed: None. Those abstaining: None.

Meeting Dates 2015

Before the meeting dates and time were voted on, Mayor Mahaney stated he felt the meeting time should remain at 7:00 PM, to give members of the public ample time to be able to come to meetings.

Motion made by Mr. Elwell to keep the meeting time of the Planning Board at 7:00 PM, seconded by Mr. Jones and **carried 8-0.** Those in favor: Mr. Elwell, Mr. Meier, Mayor Mahaney, Mr. Winkworth, Mr. Jones, Mr. VanDeVaarst, Mr. Macciocchi and Mr. Shuler. Those opposed: None. Those abstaining: None.

Motion made by Mr. Elwell to approve the Meeting Dates for 2015 with the 6:30 PM start time amended to 7:00 PM, seconded by Mayor Mahaney and **carried 8-0.** Those in favor: Mr. Elwell, Mayor Mahaney, Mr. Meier, Mr. Winkworth, Mr. Jones, Mr. VanDeVaarst, Mr. Macciocchi and Mr. Shuler. Those opposed: None. Those abstaining: None.

Official Newspaper

Before the designation of the official newspaper was made, Mayor Mahaney noted that City Council has changed their official newspaper to the Cape May County Herald as primary and the Atlantic City press as secondary. It was up to the Board to decide.

Motion made by Mr. Elwell to appoint the *Cape May County Herald* as the primary official newspaper to the Planning Board with the *Atlantic City Press* secondary for year 2015, seconded by Mr. Winkworth and **carried 8-0.** Those in favor: Mr. Elwell, Mr. Meier, Mayor Mahaney, Mr. Winkworth, Mr. Jones, Mr. VanDeVaarst, Mr. Macciocchi and Mr. Shuler. Those opposed: None. Those abstaining: None.

Minutes

Motion made by Mr. VanDeVaarst to approve the minutes of March 11, 2014, seconded by Mr. Jones and **carried 5-0.** Those in favor: Mr. Elwell, Mayor Mahaney, Mr. Jones, Mr. VanDeVaarst, and Mr. Shuler. Those opposed: None. Those abstaining: Mr. Meier, Mr. Winkworth, Mr. Macciocchi.

Motion made by Mr. Elwell to approve the minutes of April 8, 2014, seconded by Mayor Mahaney and **carried 4-0.** Those in favor: Mr. Elwell, Mayor Mahaney, Mr. Jones, Mr. Shuler. Those opposed: None. Those abstaining: Mr. Meier, Mr. Winkworth, Mr. VanDeVaarst and Mr. Macciocchi.

Motion made by Mayor Mahaney to approve the minutes of May 13, 2014, with corrections, seconded by Mr. Elwell and **carried 4-0.** Those in favor: Mr. VanDeVaarst, Mr. Elwell, Mayor Mahaney and Mr. Shuler. Those opposed: None. Those abstaining: Mr. Meier, Mr. Winkworth, Mr. Jones, Mr. Macciocchi.

Motion made by Mr. Jones to approve the minutes of June 10, 2014, seconded by Mr. VanDeVaarst and **carried 5-0.** Those in favor: Mr. Elwell, Mayor Mahaney, Mr. Jones, Mr. VanDeVaarst and Mr. Shuler. Those opposed: None. Those abstaining: Mr. Meier, Mr. Winkworth and Mr. Macciocchi.

Motion made by Mr. Elwell to approve the minutes of July 8, 2014, seconded by Mayor Mahaney and **carried 6-0.** Those in favor: Mr. Elwell, Mayor Mahaney, Mr. Winkworth, Mr. Jones, Mr. VanDeVaarst and Mr. Shuler. Those opposed: None. Those abstaining: Mr. Meier and Mr. Macciocchi.

Motion made by Mr. Macciocchi to approve the minutes of November 25, 2014, seconded by Mr. Jones and **carried 7-0.** Those in favor: Mr. Elwell, Mayor Mahaney, Mr. Winkworth, Mr. Jones, Mr. VanDeVaarst, Mr. Macciocchi and Mr. Shuler. Those opposed: None. Those abstaining: Mr. Meier.

Resolutions

01-13-2015:1

Pella, LLC

1151 New York Avenue, Block 1176, Lot 1

Motion made by Mr. Jones to approve Resolution Number 01-13-2015:1, Pella, LLC, seconded by Mr. Elwell and **carried 6-0.** Those in favor: Mr. Elwell, Mayor Mahaney, Mr. Jones, Mr. VanDeVaarst, Mr. Macciocchi and Mr. Shuler. Those opposed: None. Those abstaining: Mr. Meier, Mr. Winkworth.

01-13-2015:2

Marquis de Lafayette

501 Beach Avenue, Block 1047, Lot(s) 1,5,6 and 7

Motion made by Mr. Jones to approve Resolution Number 01-13-2015:2, Marquis de Lafayette, seconded by Mr. Macciocchi and **carried 6-0.** Those in favor: Mr. Elwell, Mayor Mahaney, Mr. Jones, Mr. VanDeVaarst, Mr. Macciocchi, Mr. Shuler. Those opposed: None. Those abstaining: Mr. Meier, Mr. Winkworth.

Mr. Shuler opened the floor for any comments by members of the Board. Mayor Mahaney noted that there will be improvements in the live stream of the City Council meetings, which will at some point during 2015, include the meetings of the Boards and Commissions. The auditorium will also be getting wireless microphones in the second half of 2015. He also noted City Council will be transitioning to paperless meetings which will also be extended to the Boards and Commissions as well, which will include training. Mayor Mahaney asked that the Board members log onto the City website to view the Mayor's State of the City address. It overviews our long term planning that started in 2008, and where we are in that planning currently and where we are going. Money will be placed into the budget which will be presented by the City Manager, to start the Master Plan process in 2015. There will also be a Sustainability and Resiliency Plan, which all the Boards will need to be involved in. As part of this, City Council will move to consider the consolidation of the Shade Tree Commission, the Environmental Commission and the Green Team under one umbrella. Craig Hurless thanked the Mayor for placing the State of the City online as he uses that extensively, it is a great resource when preparing his reports. Mayor Mahaney also discussed improvements that will be made to the Water and Sewer Utility. George Neidig also discussed the Governor's signing of the Permit Extension Act to December 31, 2015.

Motion made by Mr. Meier to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 PM, with all in favor.

A verbatim recording of said meeting is on file at the Construction/Zoning Office.

Respectfully submitted: Jill Devlin, Board Secretary.