

**City of Cape May Planning Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 13, 2018**

**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.

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

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

**Minutes:**

**Motion was made by Dr. Wolf to table to minutes from January 9, 2018,** seconded by Councilmember Hendricks and **carried 8-0.** Those in favor: Mr. Elwell, Councilmember Hendricks, Mr. Inderwies, Mr. Jones, Dr. Maslow, Dr. Wolf, Mr. Martz, Mr. Shuler. Those opposing: None. Those abstaining: Mr. Bezaire.

**Resolutions:**

**Motion was made by Mr. Jones to adopt Resolution number 02-13-2018: 1, Resolution appointing members of the Conceptual Review Committee,** seconded by Councilmember Hendricks and **carried 9-0.** Those in favor: Mr. Elwell, Councilmember Hendricks, Mr. Inderwies, Mr. Jones, Dr. Maslow, Dr. Wolf, Mr. Martz, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Bezaire. Those opposing: None. Those abstaining: None.

\*Mr. Bezaire clarified the responsibilities of the Conceptual Review Committee for the membership; explaining that the committee reviews more so ideas and not actual applications. Adding to this explanation, Board Engineer, Craig Hurless, stated that a review committee is more so that of a sounding board for a consensus from how the board may view and apply the standards; it is his belief that a review committee "facilitates better planning and encourages proper development."

## **Discussion:**

Chairman, Mr. Bezaire, gave a brief update on the last meeting of the Conceptual Review Committee in regards to 1105 Pittsburgh Avenue, a subdivision proposed by Mr. Thomas DiDonato.

Board Solicitor, Rich King, Esq., explained that this subdivision, although previously receiving preliminary approval from the board, has special circumstances that were brought up during the conceptual review. The new idea/plan made an effort to not use a road within the Harbor Cove development. During this particular meeting, the previously approved application was off the table, Mr. King explained, due to pending litigation.

Members of the board were able to express concerns regarding new approvals and the effects on past approvals, more specifically, how ongoing each new application can be brought to the board.

Brief discussion was undertaken.

An update on the progress of the Master Plan Advisory Committee was given by Board Engineer, Craig Hurless. He explained that their underlying task is to engage in public outreach and to help with consensus building. Mr. Hurless mentioned updated census data and stated that the trend in such data will should the overall direction in which the City is going.

Discussion ensued regarding general comments about the Master Plan Reexamination. Members were able to express their thoughts on where they see the City as it is today and the direction in which might be most beneficial for the City in the future. A comment was made that the population of the City is older than ever before, so the possibilities of a senior center might be something to incorporate into the Master Plan Reexamination. Another point was brought up regarding a focus on education. Members of the board were pleased with the engaged discussion and the efforts being made to move the completion of the Reexamination forward.

**Motion made to adjourn by Dr. Maslow at 7:16 PM with all in favor.**

**Respectfully submitted: Tricia Oliver, Board Assistant.**

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