

**City of Cape May Planning Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 24, 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.

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	Present
	Mayor Lear	Present - arrived at 6:52 PM
	Dr. Maslow	Present
	Dr. Wolf Alt #1	Present
	Mr. Martz Alt #2	Present

Also Present: Craig Hurless - Board Engineer
 Tricia Oliver - Board Assistant

Minutes:

Motion was made by Councilmember Hendricks to adopt the meeting minutes from February 27, 2018, seconded by Mr. Jones and **carried 8-0.** Those in favor: Mr. Elwell, Mr. Macciocchi, Councilmember Hendricks, Mr. Inderwies, Mr. Jones, Dr. Maslow, Dr. Wolf, Mr. Bezaire. Those opposed: None. Those abstaining: Mr. Shuler.

Discussion:

A report was given to the board by members of the Seawall and Promenade Advisory Committee. Members Heather and Louie Bruno, and Scott Maslow presented introductory information regarding their advisory committee which was formed by City Council in 2017. Their job, it was stated, is to assist in achieving the vision of Cape May for its Seawall and Promenade.

Highlights from the 2007 Vision Plan of Cape May were detailed regarding the ways in which many projects within the city were completed. Such highlights include the Washington Street Mall, parks and open space, as well as the efforts towards pedestrian and bike pathways. The promenade has not been addressed in any significant manner.

Heather Bruno, also a member of the Environmental Commission, voiced environmental concerns in regards to the dune maintenance along the promenade. She detailed the overgrown vegetation and its encroachment onto the promenade, limiting pedestrian access ways. Mrs. Bruno told the

members of the board that there are many local organizations and resident volunteers that are willing to help undertake the project.

Mr. Louie Bruno continued on to make several recommendations to the board. His recommendations included the enhancement of the promenade (while maintaining protection from storm surge), extending and widening the promenade to mitigate congestion, improving the overall design of the promenade and seawall (that is drastically below standard), eco-friendly improvement of the dune areas to create unobstructed views of our beaches, and the addition of permanent ADA compliant restrooms on the promenade.

Brief discussion was undertaken by the members of the board regarding the suggestions by Mr. Bruno and a viable timeline for such projects.

Moving forward, Board Engineer, Craig Hurless, presented to the board his power point presentation regarding the Community Facilities and Recreation Element to be included in the Master Plan Reexamination. Mention of municipal buildings, including Convention Hall, and their potential uses were mentioned and discussed by the membership, as well as developing public and private relationships to facilitate a more year round economy base.

Thorough discussion was undertaken by the board members and their professionals regarding the issues within city recreation and open space, such as the completion of Lafayette Street park.

Motion made to adjourn by Mr. Elwell at 7:47 PM with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted: Tricia Oliver, Board Assistant.

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