

**City of Cape May Planning Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 22, 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	Absent - excused
	Mr. Macciocchi	Present
	Councilmember Hendricks	Present
	Mr. Inderwies	Present
	Mr. Jones	Present
	Mayor Lear	Present
	Dr. Maslow	Absent - excused
	Dr. Wolf Alt #1	Present
	Mr. Martz Alt #2	Present

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

Discussion:

An update on the progress of the Master Plan Advisory Committee was given by Board Engineer, Craig Hurless. He explained that their largest undertaking was that of a public survey for public feedback and input for the Master Plan Reexamination. Mr. Hurless mentioned that it was the intent to have this survey completed and available on the City’s website within the summer months when the population of the City was at its highest to ensure maximum probability of public input.

Moving forward, Mr. Hurless, presented to the board his power point presentation regarding the Resiliency Element to be included in the Master Plan Reexamination. Stating that Cape May is vulnerable to both man-made and natural hazards, it is pertinent that this reexamination focus on protection. He continued to detailed numerous vulnerabilities (both natural and man-made) as they specifically relate to the City of Cape May, highlighting flood risk, and ways to cultivate critical community assets.

Thorough discussion was undertaken by the board members and their professionals regarding flood risk, including a detailed review by Craig Hurless of the Cape May Coastal Vulnerability Matrix and various proposed Hazard Mitigation Initiatives.

Discussion was opened to the public within 200 ft. and beyond at 7:42 PM.

Charlotte Todd, 651 Hughes Street, mentioned the “Green Acres Funding” that has been helpful with the City in the past and projects pertaining to resiliency.

Beverly Yanich, 1015 New Jersey Avenue, explained that the Resiliency Element of the Master Plan was also inclusive of the environment of our shore community. We do have what Ms. Yanich called a “living shoreline” and she is interested if Cape May has voiced an opinion of wanting to be exempt from offshore drilling (with mention of oil spills as well).

Discussion was closed to the public at 8:00 PM.

Motion made to adjourn by Mr. Inderwies at 8:01 PM with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted: Tricia Oliver, Board Assistant.

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