

**City of Cape May Planning Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, June 13, 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.

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

**Also Present:** Richard King, Esquire – Board Solicitor  
Tricia Oliver, Board Assistant

**Presentation**

*James M. Rutala, PP, AICP, MBA of Rutala Associates, LLC*

*Stephen Chiaramonte, AICP, PP of WSP USA*

*"Bike Walk Cape May"*

*Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for Cape May City and Cape May Point Borough*

Mr. Bezaire welcomed both Jim Rutala and Steve Chiaramonte, who would be making a courtesy presentation for the Board. Both gentlemen introduced themselves and stated their credentials for the record. Mr. Rutala detailed the background of when the preparation for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan was established; stating that in August of 2015, with support from the State of New Jersey, the research contributing to this plan and its funding were presented to Council. At which point, it was in January 2016 when a meeting was held to kick off moving forward into action. He continued on to explain that other such projects have been previously funded, one of which is a path from the United States Coast Guard Base to the Elementary School on Lafayette Street.

Steve Chiaramonte detailed how the first step of the Bike and Pedestrian plan was set in motion in May 2016. This step was simple observations; canvassing the entire city to follow bike and pedestrian traffic. Mr. Chiaramonte went on to explain that with his findings, the State of New

Jersey felt positive towards the proposed plan. Although it was mentioned by Mr. Chiaramonte that there are in fact improvements to be made overall, the proposed path would decrease the stress to those riding and walking within Cape May and Cape May Point. Additionally, Mr. Chiaramonte stated that simple signage and striping on the roadways would make a minimal impact on the City's budget.

Particular roadways and intersections, including Jackson and Perry Streets, Sunset Boulevard, and Pittsburgh Avenue were highlighted and discussed.

Mr. Rutala and Mr. Chiaramonte finished their presentation stating that the overall goal with the proposed plan is to create fluid beach access from Cape May Point to Cape May and to have this plan adopted into the reexamination of the city's Master Plan. Mr. Chiaramonte added that the plan as a whole is a large undertaking; focus on smaller projects that may be most important to the city and move forward from there.

Members were allotted time for questions to the professionals throughout the presentation. Members of the Board had various questions and concerns about specific areas throughout both the City of Cape May and the borough of Cape May Point, regarding the current proposed pathway set forth in the presentation. It was stated that since this is simply a preliminary map, certain areas and intersections along the way will be evaluated further

### **Resolution**

*The Planning Board of the City of Cape May supports the adoption of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan as a part of the City's Master Plan*

**Motion made by Dr. Maslow to approve Resolution 06-13-2017:1, , seconded by Dr. France and carried 9-0.** Those in favor: Dr. France, Councilmember Hendricks, Mr. Inderwies, Mr. Jones, Mayor Lear, Mr. Picard, Mr. Macciocchi, Mr. Shuler, and Mr. Bezaire. Those opposed: None. Those abstaining: None.

**Motion made to adjourn by Dr. France at 7:30 PM with all in favor.**

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

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