

## **EVENT HOUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **Minutes of January 23, 2014 at 2:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mahaney at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, 2014 in the Cape May City Hall Auditorium. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Present:**       **John VanDeVaerst, Resident, Planning Board, Green Team**  
                  **Bruce MacLeod, City Manager**  
                  **Ed Mahaney, Mayor**  
                  **Bill Murray, Deputy Mayor**  
                  **Tony Monzo, City Attorney**  
                  **John Queenan, Code Enforcement**  
                  **Bonnie Pontin, Resident, Inn Keeper Owner, HPC**  
                  **Mary Rothwell, Zoning Officer**

**Absent:**       **Robert Sheehan, Police Captain**  
                  **Mary McKenney, Resident, Rental Property Owner**

#### **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT: "Open Public Meetings Law"**

**DISCUSSION:** The discussion was going over the content of the final draft of the committee based on requested and agreed terms by the committee members and the public from the last meeting. The ordinance will be presented to City Council at the February 4<sup>th</sup> Work Session. Mayor Mahaney and Councilmember Bill Murray will be the ones advocating to council since they sat on the committee along with Mr. MacLeod and Mr. Monzo. They will then agree to put forth the ordinance for introduction on February 18<sup>th</sup>. It will then be published, have a second reading with a public hearing and then possible passage on March 18<sup>th</sup>. If it does pass it will go into effect in early April.

**Tony Monzo** – Mr. Monzo reviewed changed language in the draft ordinance as suggested at the last meeting.

**Bill Murray** – Mr. Murray stated that the entire committee was in agreement with the ordinance being presented to council.

**Bonnie Pontin** – Ms. Pontin mentioned getting the word out. She suggested that when someone comes in for a mercantile license we should have something posted on the desk to help notify people.

**Mayor Mahaney** – Mentioned the ordinance will be introduced to council and the committee members are welcome to attend as well as the public.

**PUBLIC PORTION:** Those wishing to publicly comment shall come forward, give their name and address, and speak into the microphone.

Mr. Tillman – 7 Pond Creek Lane, West Cape May – He stated he runs the Abbey. He asked about the gatherings in the commercial district and if we are notifying the tenants. He asked if he should be notifying his tenants of no gatherings of 30 people or greater?

Donna Evans - 1319 New Jersey Avenue – Ms. Evans questioned the number of people for an event? She stated she was confused if it was 30 or 50. Mayor Mahaney explained the trigger points for these numbers for indoor and outdoor events.

**Motion made to adjourn.**