

Cape May City  
Plan Endorsement Committee  
Thursday, August 26, 2010

Present

Dennis Crowley, co-Chair, Citizen  
Meryl Nelson – co-Chair, Planning Board Member  
William Murray, Council Member  
Arnold Pitman – Zoning Board Member  
Linda Steenrod, Citizen  
Andy Fontain, Citizen  
Mary Rothwell, Zoning Officer

Also Present

Mayor Dr. Mahaney  
Craig Hurless, Professional in Charge

Dennis Crowley chaired the meeting and Meryl Nelson took the minutes. The meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act and was begun at 10:00 am with roll call and Pledge of Allegiance. It is noted that the meeting was advertised in *the Star and Wave* of August 10, 2010.

Craig Hurless presented all of the members with an updated draft of the Plan Endorsement Report dated August 26, 2010. This version has been substantially fleshed out. This meeting is to go through the document page by page so the committee members can add their comments to this draft.

1. Page 49 – letters will be provided by Mayor Mahaney and the last item is covered in the MasterPlan Update 2009.
2. Intro section is OK.
3. Context section in OK.
4. Demographics will be finalized at the end. Basically using 2000 census data and 2010 census data will not be available for several years.
  - a. Trend is that Cape May City is continuing to lose year round residents and seasonal home ownership is rising.
5. Long discussion on Goals and Objectives of Plan Endorsement was undertaken.
  - a. Need to be sure to include that we are working closely with our neighboring communities particularly in the areas of traffic flow, recreation and shared services including schools.
6. COAH Projection – no changes.
7. Community Inventory
  - a. Wetlands – leave the language as is because nothing is totally resolved yet.
  - b. Parks – Craig Hurless will indicate all parks, green area , etc on mapping.

- i. Recreational space – the four blocks on Cape May Avenue are currently under-utilized by the community because of vocal complaints by the homeowners on that street.
- 8. Community Facilities –
  - a. Add senior care at Victorian Towers on page 36
  - b. Senior citizen swim to the list of activities at the bottom of page 37.
  - c. ADA improvements \$271,913. On page 40.
  - d. Add World War II observation tower to MAC activities.
- 9. Infrastructure
  - a. Add Mount Vernon from Broadway to the cove.
  - b. Add West Perry St.
- 10. Page 47 – add Business Improvement District.
- 11. Page 48 – Map changes will include areas of Brodesser property and Shelton College area (North Point).
- 12. Page 51 – there have been several small matching grants between the City and the Nature Center for various informative pamphlets.
- 13. Page 53 – add the Board of Education.
- 14. Page 60 - add Tourism Commission and Convention Hall Committee.
- 15. Page 61 – add conservation element from Master Plan Update 2009.
- 16. Page 64 – Modify elementary school issue.
- 17. Page 65 – add shuttle bus service and New Wave trolley service in transportation paragraph.
- 18. Within goal 5 add Access to Art.
- 19. Page 70 – Add Rhodeside and Harwell.
- 20. Page 71 – Add information about Cape May City, Cape May Point and West Cape May police and emergency agreements.
- 21. Page 73 – Cape May’s consistency with State Plan – Craig Hurless will prepare a narrative on this topic.
- 22. Page 74 – Craig Hurless reviewed these criteria with the committee.
- 23. Page 76 – Wish list – might add a Cultural District that would include the areas of Henry’s restaurant and the movie theater complex.

Committee members are to review all of the comments made and to note down any further comments. Craig Hurless will have an updated draft for us to review before our next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45PM. The next meeting is September 9, 2010 at 10AM.

Submitted by Meryl Simon Nelson, Recording Secretary, August 31, 2010