

Cape May City  
Plan Endorsement Committee  
Thursday, September 9, 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 Fontaine, Citizen  
Mary Rothwell, Zoning Officer

Also Present

Mayor Dr. Mahaney  
Craig Hurless, Professional in Charge

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.

Dennis Crowley turned the meeting over to Craig Hurless. The minutes of August 26, 2010, were approved.

Craig Hurless presented all of the members via email and hard copy with an updated draft of the Plan Endorsement Report dated September 2, 2010. This version substantially addressed items discussed at the committee's prior meetings and his reasoning is to review its contents with the membership for their comments, concerns and ideas.

The membership detailed the following items in the document with their questions and analysis with Mr. Hurless.

1. Pages 8 and 9 – the demographics data will be inserted.
2. Page 37 – the maps will be inserted.
  - a. The following streets will be added: West Perry and Mount Vernon from Broadway to the Cove
3. Page 42 – item 5 will be broken out so Rhodeside Hartwell will be a separate item.
4. Page 47 – the undersized lot issue will be addressed.
5. Page 50 – mention recreational and health services.
6. Pages 62, 63 and 65 – formatting issues.
7. Page 70 – second paragraph: reword support to cooperate in regard to neighboring communities.
8. Page 74 – wish list items to be added.
  - a. Mass transportation – shuttle services.
  - b. Parking issues.

c. Traffic safety (crosswalks, signage and education).

A Vision Statement discussion ensued about what should be added to this submission to the State. Dennis Crowley raised the point that the vision statement needed public input and he did not think it belonged in this Plan Endorsement document. It was his understanding that this report was to be what we had now and how it is closely linked to the State's planning. It was thought that a general vision statement should be included and might be based in part on Rhodeside Hartwell's report and there should be statements about how Cape May City would prepare a full vision statement for the future. The committee agreed and Mr. Hurless confirmed, at this time our committee cannot envision Cape May City ten to twenty years in the future without input from the public and the many entities in our community. Public meetings will be held in the future to establish this mission.

The discussion then turned to the next steps for this committee and the Plan Endorsement document.

1. Present to Council on Tuesday, October 5, 2010.
2. Send to the State.
3. 45 days later we will receive their comments and then we will need to respond to those.
4. Then the visioning process including public meetings will begin.

Further discussion about page 74 - Put the last item on the list first and add INCLUDED BUT NOT LIMITED TO, etc.

Mapping discussion:

Mr. Hurless reviewed the State Plan Policy Map Planning Area for discussion. All agreed the following points were important to address the planning area designation.

1. Craig Hurless used the 2007 Cross Acceptance Plan data as an overlay to add the parks into the City map.
2. Sewell Point units.
3. Maryland and Pittsburgh units.
4. Wilmington Avenue.
5. Should or could the Coast Guard area be included as parklands.

The Committee elected to begin the visioning process before the end of the forty-five day waiting period.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30AM. The next meeting is November 4, 2010 at 10AM.

Submitted by Meryl Simon Nelson, Recording Secretary, September 19, 2010