

Cape May City
Plan Endorsement Committee
Thursday, November 4, 2010

Present

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

Absent

Linda Steenrod, Citizen

Also Present

Mayor Dr. Mahaney
Craig Hurless, Professional in Charge
Charlotte Todd, Chair of Environmental Commission
Christine Miller, Citizen

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 October 18, 2010.

Dennis Crowley chaired the meeting. Mary Rothwell moved and William Murray seconded the motion and the minutes of October September 9, 2010, were approved.

Dennis Crowley, Linda Steenrod and Bill Murray submitted lists of organizations to contact and these were distributed.

Craig Hurless updated the committee on the path that the Plan Endorsement Assessment Report has taken since we last met.

1. He completed the Plan Endorsement Assessment document and distributed copies to this committee.
2. The Plan was presented to Council and approved on October 5, 2010.
3. The Plan was then forwarded to the Office of State Planning in Trenton that said a zoning map was missing. This was sent October 19, 2010.
4. Catherine Mead of the Office of State Planning said that their office was no longer accepting submissions for review as the legislation was in the process of being changed.
5. Mayor Mahaney and Craig Hurless fought for the review of the Plan, the City's right under the currently law.
6. The Plan was finally accepted for review and in order to expedite the process before the law actually changes, Cape May City was offered the right to waive

the visioning process that was step two. The Office of State Planning was felt that the visioning process that was part of the 2009 Master Plan Update was timely enough. If this committee endorsed this change in procedure, the process would go to the examination of all of our documents.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a long discussion of whether our committee would approve of fast-tracking the application. All members commented and the public was included in the discussion.

The motion that was introduced by Meryl Nelson and seconded by Bill Murray had two elements.

1. To approve the fast tracking of our Plan Endorsement application by waiving a new visioning element and to recommend this to Cape May Council. The negotiations will be handled by Craig Hurless and Mayor Mahaney.
2. To approve the Plan Endorsement Committee to continue forward with their own visioning process as it was felt it was important to involve the public in these kinds of discussions whenever possible.

The vote was unanimous: Meryl Nelson, Dennis Crowley, Bill Murray, Arnold Pitman, Mary Rothwell, and Andy Fontaine. This recommendation will be sent to Council and the Office of State Planning.

Mary Rothwell will collate all of the lists of stakeholders including those sent to her by Mayor Mahaney. This will be done before our next meeting.

Dennis Crowley will draft a press release for the Star and Wave inviting the public and stakeholders to a meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50AM. The next meeting is December 3, 2010 at 10AM.

Submitted by Meryl Simon Nelson, Recording Secretary, November 7, 2010