

Minutes for Cape May Bike & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BAPAC)

DATE: 4/9/2025

TIME: 9:35

LOCATION: City Hall

IN ATTENDENCE:

Members: George Dick (Deputy Mayor WCM), Jeff Vecere, Hilary Pritchard, Terry DiUbaldi, Steve Bodnar, City of Cape May Liason to BAPAC

Other Attendee(s): Chief Dekon Fashaw, City Manager Paul Dietrich, David Scheffler, City of Cape May Head of Recreation

Absent (out of town): Jim Moffat, Bob Morris

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-

City Manager Paul Dietrich-

Grants- Report on GPI grant opportunities. Proposals are quite expensive to prepare for submittal. Difficult to justify costs just to apply. Waiting for more info and will report back.

Leaming- Elmira Corridor- Bank St- Decatur-

Still a priority; will research if it's a possibility to do it "in house". Project could include a redesign of City owned lot adjacent to Cape May Stage. Could be additional bike and LSV parking, handy to Kiwanis Park and Mall.

Steve suggests connecting the City to Jeff's resource Paul Mikewich at NJ Bike Walk Coalition,

Paul reported that an area in front of Rusty Nail will be re-striped, returning it back to parking where it had recently been made part of the bike path.

Jeff spoke of the Target Zero Commission, new state law which encompasses a goal of no traffic deaths. It may be a good time to work with the State on bike initiatives.

Pedestrian Bridge WCM- CM Collaboration- WCM is taking the lead on grants, draft plan, and CMC will co-sign application to DEP, followed by joint application to County for funding.

Lafayette St Walking Trail- Planning a possible May 15 opening. Sidewalk will connect into trails with 2 access points, Lafayette and St. Johns and there will be new bike racks. First Phase at Park will include bocce ball and dog park. Discussion of whether there will be pay parking or free parking (currently it's free parking for dog park)

Terry asked about Speed Humps with answer being it's part of a larger proposal.

Discussion- Safe ways to get people to new Park and trails- George offered that taking parking off Elmira could help ; Chief Fashaw agreed.

Should the concept of a parking garage with mixed use be revisited ? Steve offered that use of Shuttle Service has increased somewhat. It would be useful to get a full report from Jitney company with hours of operation, shuttle routes,to confirm and look for ways to improve ridership. Local residents and those in rentals are taking advantage of it, but out of town day trippers are circling the town looking for parking. Most business employees are from out of the area and need safe parking options at night. Might be good to survey businesses.

Chief Fashaw-

He's met with Low Speed Vehicle business owners and had a good dialog, emphasizing safety seats for children and has added a person from the Dep't. to promote enforcement, including helmets, etc. They'll be issuing tickets for non compliance.

DWI are up; can't give a ticket on a bike but can on a motorized vehicle.
Terry brought up need for bike lights.

Map-

Funding- Jeff will ask Paul . Terry and Hilary are working on it. QR code will link to City website.

Recreation Dep't Report- David Scheffler

Update on Community Center (former library). Opening day in May.
Will be open to all. Fitness classes and equipment , plus Zumba, yoga and pilates.
Community health and wellness goals for entire community, with emphasis on City employees.
Asked for a representative from BAPAC and collaboration with Paul from NJ Bike Walk Coalition. Will be adding bike racks and may form a bike club in the future.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Terry made the motion, Jeff seconded. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETINGS (2nd Wednesdays):

Regular Meeting 5/14 at 9:30 am CM City Hall.

MEETING ADJOURNED 11:25 Motion made by Hilary, second by George.

Respectfully submitted,

Hilary Pritchard