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ASBURY PARK PLANNING BOARD ADOPTS NEW MASTER PLAN RE-EXAMINATION REPORT Setting Land Use Policy for the Next Ten Years

12/18/17, Asbury Park, NJ – The Asbury Park Planning Board unanimously adopted the Master Plan Re-Examination Report which will update the existing Master Plan for the City of Asbury Park. The Master Plan serves as the blueprint for the City—outlining policy, goals and recommendations for future zoning amendments. The last Master Plan was adopted in 2006.

The contract to assist in re-examining the City’s Master Plan was awarded to the firm of Clark, Caton and Hintz in February 2017. They also serve as a planning consultant for the Zoning Board. 4Ward Planning served as an economic advisor.

The year-long process of updating the City’s Master Plan was led by a steering committee which includes Barbara Kzak of the Planning Board who chaired the committee, Planning Board member Jim Henry, Councilwoman Yvonne Clayton, local business owner Michael Sodano and Michele Alonso, Director of Planning and Redevelopment for the City of Asbury Park.

The Master Plan re-examination process began in Summer 2016 and has included much community participation. The public was invited to attend and give input at three public meetings, five stakeholder and two community engagement input meetings, and at a draft plan presentation. Public comment was also taken at two Planning Board hearings and residents were invited to review the draft plan online and email comments.

In addition to a review of existing planning and land use regulations, the report focused on generating a broader vision and goal; looking at land uses with a focus on preservation and where to channel growth; placing an emphasis on sustainability from alternative energy and transportation, to storm water runoff and infrastructure; and preserving and maintaining open space including parks, lakes and recreation. Other areas of examination included: urban design; parking and circulation; housing; economic development; historic preservation; and community facilities.

Future near term steps include creating a detailed housing plan mapping out affordable housing strategies, as well as making the recommended zoning changes outlined in the report.

“Adoption of the Master Plan Re-Examination is a significant achievement for Asbury Park and paves the way for better city planning. This plan is a more comprehensive and better reflects the future policies that are important to its residents.” said Michele Alonso, Director of Planning and Redevelopment.

To view the report, visit http://www.cityofasburypark.com/egov/documents/1512061945_84501.pdf.