

Planning Board Minutes of
April 8, 2019

Announcement by the Chairman that the meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975. Adequate notice of the meeting has been provided to the Coaster and the Asbury Park Press. All notices are on file with the Board Secretary. Official action may be taken on matters listed below.

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Members in Attendance: Barbara Krzak, Michael Manzella, Jim Henry, Trudy Syphax, Rick Lambert, Councilwoman Yvonne Clayton, Alexis Taylor, Jennifer Souder, Mayor John Moor

Members Absent:

Staff: Jack Serpico, Esq., Donna Miller (CCH), Michele MacPhearson, (State Shorthand), Barbara Van Wagner(Secy)

Meeting begins at 7:00 pm

A. Minutes: Approval of Minutes of March 25, 2019

Motion: Yvonne

Second: Rick

In favor: Alexis, Yvonne, Barbara, Michael, Trudy, Rick, Jennifer, Mike, Jim,

Opposed: none

B. Applications:

1. Amendment to the City of Asbury Park Master Plan to adopt a Circulation Element for Walking & Biking

Exhibit B-1 – Legal Notices

Exhibit B-2 – Plan for Walking and Biking

Barbara – after the presentation, we will open to the public for questions with a three minute limit and one shot per person then at the end will have public comments with also a three minute limit and one shot per person

There are no changes to the agenda

Mike – recused from Board voting

Jack – cannot vote on something that you helped to create

Sworn In: Mike Manzella, Peter Kremer, Mike Kublanov

Kremer – this will be a part of the Adopted Plan and is consistent with New Jersey Complete Streets

Did measurements, talked to people, had focus groups - looked at tourism, businesses, access to beach,

accesses to schools. With walking and biking – don't need a car, improves air quality, many benefits

Priority Intersections – improvement concepts – cost efficient – to do when time to repave the streets. The traffic systems are dated and don't meet the current standards

Kublanov – give cross section of recommendations for pedestrians and bikers

Pedestrian network – study picked 6 intersections – similar issues addressed, out of six will show three (showed three of them on the screen)

1-Memorial and Fourth – similar issues addressed – out of the six will show three

existing aerial, bike lanes (Asbury Park lanes are wide), location of driveways, cross walks

2-Prospect and Bangs – curb extensions, pedestrian signals and crosswalks, install advisory bike lanes, install shared lane markings, realign intersection approaches.

3-Grand and Fourth – signal possibility, pedestrian lights and crosswalks, curb extensions, crosswalk stripping measuring one foot wide and 10 feet long with retroreflection and bonded to the roadway

Proposed Bike Network – four types of riders – Level of Stress – 1 to 4, Bicycle LTS – Level of Stress

Memorial Drive is Level 3, Main Street is Level 4

Proposed buffered bike lanes, boulevards for bikers, zero parking removed

Ocean Avenue – angle parking on the east, north bound only for cars, back into space with bollards to buffer the bike path. Will get info on bollards and buffering

John- need a sign that says “watch out for bikes” – concerned with people crossing bike lanes on Ocean Ave
Kingsley Avenue– 2 way traffic with bike lanes
Memorial Drive- north of Monroe with waiting area, 1.5 foot buffers – 6 foot bike lanes, both ways, with two 12 foot travel lanes and parking lane
Bike Boulevard – 2 way, bikes in car lanes, install bike boulevard signage for narrow roads,
Jenn- the plan is in depth and comprehensive, a lot of thought put into the plan and appreciate the work, (discussed the bike map on page 51 – Springwood – west to east and Page 97 – pedestrian concept map)
Manzella- new traffic signal at Atkins and Springwood, fully upgraded. The map is a work in progress
Jim – a priority is the school neighborhoods. Third and Ridge is a main thoroughfare and has speeding. Out of towners and visitors don’t know the school areas
Third and Fourth has most speeding
Kremer- 16 foot travel lane, each way, going down to 10 foot striping. Education enforcement with bike share and cross walks, use local newspapers and flyers, enhance the crossings and reduce speeds
John – excellent job, appreciate all of the work. Some roads are bus routes
Kremer – need to look at bus routes
Manzella – bus already goes one way on Ocean Ave
John – want to review pedestrian signals on page 24
Manzella – that number will increase when Main Street is done, Main Street will have 16
John- Prospect is a busy street, want to review speed limits on page 42 and page 57-narrow travel lanes reviewed page 61 – Lake Avenue – lakeside sidewalks, p63 – 30 mph-need to slow down
Kremer – 25 mph is good idea
John- want to discuss pages 67, 69 and 93.
Definition of curb extension – bump outs, curb extensions
Kremer – done a lot of ways, filled with concrete bump out and curb extension are the same
John – can curb extensions be flush for easier plowing. Did a great job- its where the City wants to go. Not enough in the budget to do in one year
Manzella- can get grant money, can’t get bike lanes in without the Plan
Barbara- plan is easy to understand and very complete
Lighting discussed
John- Memorial Drive may not be done for 2-3 years, can’t shut down both Main Street and Memorial
Manzella – bike education is part of drivers education. Education is important factor to get word out
Trudy – can use bike signs “Share the Road”
Kremer – not in suburbs or on a highway, in a City
Barbara – Impact to side streets if Ocean is a one way
Kremer – need enhanced coordination with the public
Yvonne – Main Street and Springwood – not in plan, since already has a plan
Memorial Drive – south of Bangs is very busy, people cross to train and to get to the strip mall
John – that’s County Jurisdiction
Yvonne – there are 80 bus stops
John – need more on Springwood
Yvonne- Asbury Avenue to Boardwalk and Kingsley will remain two lanes to get into the parking lot
Manzella – if parking lot stays, will prevent clogs
Yvonne- comprehensive, complete plan – excellent job
Jim – if make Ocean one way north then make Kingsley one way south.
Planters need to be kept low so as not to obstruct vision
Jim- report is thorough, great job

Public Questions: Mike Smith, Doug McClellan, Ernest Mignoli

Discussed - protected bike lanes, no turn on red and speed limits

Cycle riding prohibited on sidewalks after 10 am, biking prohibited on boardwalk on certain dates and times

Motion to open public comments: Jim Second: Yvonne All in favor

Motion to close public comments: Yvonne Second: Rick All in favor

John- how can we get the speed limit reduced

Can make recommendation to Council, recommended by Planning Board

Barbara – how do we proceed?

Jack-put in the Plan, it is a recorded documentation. Police powers are not within the jurisdiction of the Planning Board

Barbara – consider lighting, there are inconsistencies in the Report, angle of parking

Yvonne – if approve Report, is it the direction the City wants to go?

Sullivan – details can be worked out with the implementation for curb extensions and storm water

Need flexibility so don't have to amend the plan. Items are part of the record

Barbara – don't want to do amendment for simple items

Manzella – get a concise list and can adapt with items in Resolution and can work it in. Planning Board can Amend the Plan

Jack – if adopt the Plan, then if not in accordance, then can change and come back

Alexis – Ocean Avenue – would not be done without other engineering concepts

Manzella – non-binding document – want to see conceptual plan

John – this is where we want to go, but not set in stone, if want grant money, then need to adopt Plan

On board with 95% of Plan, may need future discussions

Manzella – have speed limits in the Plan

Jack – this is an Element of the Master Plan, legally adopted into Plan in the format presented

Recommendations: Green Infrastructure, speed limit reduction, No Right on Red, signage and treatment for traffic calming, upgrade lights as need be.

Motion to approve with recommendations: Rick Second: Barbara

In favor: Rick, Barbara, John, Yvonne, Jennifer, Mike, Trudy, Jim, Alexis

C Resolutions:

1. Amendment to Master Plan for Affordable Housing Element

Motion: Jennifer Second: Yvonne

2. 527 Lake Avenue

Motion: Barbara Second: Yvonne

3. 545 Lake Avenue

Motion: Barbara Second: Mike

4. 527 Bangs Avenue

Motion: Mike Second: Rick

5. 1112-1114 Main Street

Motion: John Second: Mike

D Discussions: none

E. Executive Session: none

Motion to adjourn: Rick Second: Barbara All members vote in favor

Meeting Adjourns: 9:20pm