

# **NEW JERSEY** COUNTY PLANNERS ASSOCIATION

President Francesca Giarratana Tom Stanuikynas Mark Villinger **Hudson County** 

Treasurer Burlington County Ocean County

Secretary

President Emeritus Ranae Fehr Atlantic County

# NJCPA Holiday Meeting – Hybrid

Friday, December 2, 2022 at 11:00AM

In-person: Thompson Park Visitor Center in Lincroft, NJ

## **AGENDA**

#### Welcome and Roll Call

President Giarratana called the meeting to order at 11:02am and welcomed everyone in person and online to the December meeting.

#### 2. Business

a. Executive Committee Report / Highlight Reel: Francesca Giarratana

President Giarratana read the results of the electronic poll, which was sent on November 28th to the Association for a vote, into the minutes. There was a quorum of votes in favor of paying the \$2,500 honorarium for Michael Lydon, today's speaker. There will be 1 AICP CM available for attending presentation.

President Giarratana provided a year in review with a number of highlights:

- She noted that the Association updated its branding and logo this year.
- We held our first ever hybrid meetings.
- NJCPA presented at the New Jersey Association of Counties conference, "County Planning Provides Value" and it was a great session. We will explore presented more at the NJAC conference in the future.
- The first summer tour to be held in 3 years was held in Hudson County.
- We held the first application round for the George Ververides Honorary Scholarship and received 1 application.
- We also updated the NJ County Planner Salary survey.

## b. October 2022 Meeting Minutes: Mark Villinger

Secretary Villinger noted the October minutes were not distributed prior to the meeting. October and December meeting minutes will be emailed for action at January meeting.

c. Treasurer's Report: Tom Stanuikynas

Treasurer Stanuikynas presented the Treasurer's Report covering October 1, 2022 to December 2, 2022. Expenses paid included the catering from the October meeting. The total Assets in Hand and Receivable is \$16,317.28. The speaker and lunch for today will be an additional expense. He noted we are doing well financially but for 2023 we will talk about raising the dues back to the pre-COVID fee of \$150 or charging again \$15 per person for lunch to keep the balance

healthy. Ranae Fehr (Atlantic) made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report and was seconded by Walter Lane (Somerset), all in favor, motion passed.

## 3. Election of Officers

President Giarratana noted per NJCPA bylaws the Executive Board will promote the current members. She will become President Emeritus, Tom Stanuikynas will become President, and Mark Villinger will become Treasurer. Nominations are being sought for the Secretary position.

Treasurer Stanuikynas made the motion to nominate Virginia Michelin (Morris) as the 2023 Secretary, and was seconded by Secretary Villinger. All in favor, the motion passed.

#### 4. Resolutions

#### a. John Peterson

John recently retired after a long career with Atlantic County and having served as Planning Director for 11 years until his retirement. He served as President of NJCPA in 1999.

## b. Michael Lysicatos

A resolution was put forth to honor Michael Lysicatos, who was with Passaic County for over 17 years and served as the Planning Director for 2 years until taking another job earlier this year as a planner for Schaumburg, Illinois. He served as President of NJCPA in 2019.

#### c. Andrew Levecchia

A resolution was put forth honoring Andrew Levecchia. Andrew was a long-time Camden County Planner and is now working as a project manager/ planner for WSP. He served as President of NJCPA in 2015.

(15 minute break for Holiday lunch)

#### 5. 2023 NJCPA Business

President Giarratana handed control of the meeting over to Treasurer Stanuikynas so that he could discuss the 2023 meetings and schedule. He noted that the Association will look forward to completing the update to the bylaws in 2023 and confirming their 501(c)3 status. We will look to revamp the subcommittees and their reports to the general membership. He thanked President Giarratana for all the work she put in to keep the Association running this year.

Members were provided a draft meeting schedule for 2023. There was an interest in seeing if we could move the meeting location, so we will look into a possible Mercer or Middlesex meeting. The draft schedule of dates was shared with the membership for adopted. A motion was made by Ranae Fehr (Atlantic) and seconded by Kamal Saleh (Union), all in favor, motion passed.

The meeting was turned back over to President Giarratana to introduce the speaker.

## 6. "Tactical Urbanism," Michael Lydon

President Giarratana introduced Michael Lydon. He is co-founder of Street Plans, an urban planning, design, and research-advocacy firm based in Miami and New York City. He is an internationally recognized planner, writer, speaker, and advocate for livable cities. Having delivered more than 300 keynotes, workshops, trainings, and lectures since 2009, Mike

has exerted a global influence on how people think about city transformation.

Michael's presentation provided context for "Tactical Urbanism" as an approach to community building using short-term, low-cost, and scalable projects intended to catalyze long-term change.

A copy of the powepoint and instructions on how to obtain the AICP credit (1 CM) for the session will be sent via email.

Next Meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2023. A Motion was made to adjourn and was seconded.

Respectfully Submitted Mark A. C. Villinger, PP, AICP, CFM

## **County Attendees**

Ranae Fehr Atlantic Tom Stanuikynas Burlington Lauren Purdom Cape May Francesca Giarratana Hudson **Kevin Force** Hudson Hudson Samuel Schroeder Katherine Fullerton Hunterdon Matthew Zochowski Mercer Michael Dannemiller Middlesex Harriet Honigfeld Monmouth Michael Popovech Monmouth Joseph Barilla Morris Brenda Haycock Morris Virginia Michelin Morris **Daniel Sindoni** Ocean Mark Villinger Ocean Timothy Gleason Ocean Andras Holzman **Passaic** Jason Miranda **Passaic** Angela Knowles Somerset Katelyn Katzer Somerset Walter Lane Somerset Kamal Saleh Union Ryan Conklin Warren

## Partner Agencies/ Presenters

Donna Rendeiro OPA

John Peterson Retired
Andrew Levecchia WSP

Michael Lysicatos Schaumburg, II