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NJCPA Regular Meeting
Via Zoom ONLY
Friday, January 21, 2022 at 11:00AM

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions – President Giarratana welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 11AM. Secretary Mark Villinger performed a Roll Call. Quorum was attained.

2. Business

a. Executive Committee Report: Francesca Giarratana

President Giarratana discussed the NJAPA panel submission was rejected. She noted that the Association will submit the same panel for the NJAC conference. The panel will include a County planner and an elected official from different counties. A central or southern representation are still needed to round out the panel.

President Giarratana noted that David Hojsak, FEMA Region 2 and former County planner, reached out to the Association. He is working on a NJ Resiliency Accelerator. They are seeking partners and someone from the Association to serve on their advisory board. Donna Rendeiro (NJOPA) stated that this is an extension of the technical assistance that the Office of Planning Advocacy has been trying to provide to communities. President Giarratana shared that more information will be sent out via email and it will be brought up for action in February.

A number of ideas have been discussed by the Executive Committee for meeting topics for this year. These include:

- GIS
- NJDOT regarding highway projects and the infrastructure bill
- Diversity and equity in Planning
- Obtaining a high profile speaker, possibly through an honorarium, that could also provide a good session with AICP credit
- Model ordinance floodplain regulations
- Profiling new County projects

b. December 2021 Meeting Minutes: Tom Stanuikynas (2021 Secretary)

Treasurer Stanuikynas reviewed the December minutes. He called for a motion. Kamal Saleh (Union) made a motion and Michael Lysicatos (Passaic) seconded. All in favor, minutes were approved.

c. Treasurer's Report: Tom Stanuikynas

Treasurer Stanuikynas reviewed the Treasurer's Report. There were no expenses or revenue this month and the account balance is the same with \$15,239.94. The Accounts Receivable estimate for 2022 utilizes the same \$100 County Membership fees. He requested comments on the fee. Kamal Saleh (Union) made motion to approve December 3rd to January 21st Treasurer's Report. Michael Lysicatos (Passaic) seconded. All in favor, the Treasurer's Report was approved.

Kamal Saleh (Union) made a motion to continue with the \$100 County Membership fee, Matthew Lawson (Mercer) seconded. All in favor, motion passed. The 2022 annual membership dues will continue at \$100 per County.

- d. **Introduction of New Association Logo Options:** Sam Schroeder, Hudson County
President Giarratana shared that Executive Committee has been reviewing new logo options. Sam Schroeder, Principal Planner with Hudson shared some draft logos. Among those reviewed were updated graphics with color options. The consensus was in favor of the new color graphic. Matthew Lawson (Mercer) recommended a version without the date for future and general use. President Giarratana will share the logo by email with the Association and will look for action in February.

President Giarratana took the moment to introduce Zoe Baldwin, who served as legislative aide to Senator Loretta Weinberg. She began a new position as the NJ Director for RPA in September 2021. Zoe Baldwin said she is looking forward to collaboration with the Association. She noted her predecessor presented to the Association on accessory dwelling unit legislation. She would be happy to work together on any state and regional issues that impact the Association and its membership.

3. Presentation: "Overview and Progress of the NJ 2020 Strategic Highway Safety Plan"- Khalid Shaikh, Project Manager, NJ DOT and Beth Wemple, Senior Transportation Safety Engineer, HDR

Khalid Shaikh, NJDOT introduced his team at NJDOT and Beth Wemple of HDR, for the NJ 2020 Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). Beth Wemple, HDR planner/engineer presented on the approach and implementation of the SHSP. She noted in this update they are increasing county and municipal participation and better coordination/integration with all agencies. Emphasis areas are the goals, objectives, strategies, and actions to be achieved over 5 years. The plan focuses on 35 action items and there is opportunity for county planners to assist. They are reevaluating strategies based on current statistics of fatalities and serious injuries. They are performing outreach and want more participation from counties and municipalities. Dave Kuhn, NJDOT stated additional areas of expertise needed are healthcare and commercial vehicle/trucking industry. President Giarratana added that county planners can help with making connections for those stakeholders.

More information can be found at: <https://www.saferoadsforallnj.com/resources>.

NJDOT is looking for people to get involved with new ideas, perspectives, and participation in emphasis area teams. They can be reached by email at:

Khalid Shaikh, NJDOT: Khalid.shaikh@ot.nj.gov

David Martin, HDR: david.martin1@hdrinc.com

Pankti Mehta, HDR: pankti.mehta@hdrinc.com

4. Presentation: "NJ – State and County Results from the 2020 Census" - David J. Kraiker, Data Dissemination & GIS Specialist US Census Bureau, NY Regional Office

President Giarratana introduced David Kraiker from the NY Regional Office of the US Census Bureau, he covers northern New Jersey and some areas in the south. There are currently 6 data tables available for 2020 Census. David went through the steps on how to get this redistricting

data and instructed how to utilize their mapping functions. They anticipate a spring release of additional data options that will be useful for planning.

5. Agency / Partner Updates (NJTPA, DVRPC, SJTPO, OPA, NJDEP, NJAC, RPA, NJEDA, etc.)

a. NJEDA – “Brownfields Impact Fund”, Elizabeth Limbrick, PG, LSRP, NJEDA Director, Brownfields and Sustainable Systems.

President Giarratana introduced Elizabeth Limbrick, NJ EDA Director of Brownfields and Sustainable Systems. Barbara Vadnais NJEDA. Ms. Limbrick introduce the Brownfields Impact Fund, released just yesterday. She mentioned that the program brings resources to communities to clean up their brownfields sites. There are two products within the program, communities can receive a loan or a subgrant. The loan provides \$50,000 to \$350,000 and the grant provides \$25,000 to \$350,000. There is an application fee of \$1,000 but a hardship waiver is available. The program is first come, first serve however, they are only considering applications in Community Collaborative Initiative cities for the first 90 days. April 20 the program will open throughout the state. Applicants are required to complete a pre-qualification form and there is no commitment. For further information visit: <http://www.njeda.com/brownsfieldimpactfund>

Lois Goldman, NJTPA noted that the NJTPA region’s FY23 unified planning work program is being reviewed by committees in February and will be adopted in March. She noted that the Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act will be an important source of funding for project. The National Association of Regional Councils has provided a good summary:

<https://narc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Bipartisan-IIJA-Analysis.pdf>

She also noted that Robert Clark, Administrator of FHWA NJ Division will be a speaker at the Central Jersey Transportation Forum on February 28 at 1pm. Registration: <https://dvrpc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkf-6rrTstHdFzBkHFJp7FqECI9o802DoO>

Donna Rendeiro, NJOPA, reminded everyone that the governor signed Executive Order 281 on January 11 reinstated public health emergency. Town centers and plan endorsement were included in the extension. She is reviewing the ability to not extend those municipalities that do not wish to pursue or haven’t responded with the DAG.

6. Resolutions

President Giarratana read a resolution of appreciation for Ranae Fehr, President Emeritus for her dedication and service to the NJCPA during her tenure as president in 2021. John Peterson moved, Walt Lane seconded. All in favor

7. Committee Updates

President Giarratana mentioned the Executive Committee discussed the bylaws and subcommittees. We discussed creating an Ad Hoc Committee for review and revision of the bylaws. That Committee should meet before the February meeting.

Education committee: Ranae Fehr (Atlantic) spoke about the George Ververides Honorary Scholarship. The application is available and the NJCPA webpage. The application is open to 3rd and 4th year undergraduate students in planning. NJ Universities were contacted and provided the scholarship info. Also on association twitter account.

Transportation: Kamal Saleh (Union) reported a couple items from NJ Transit. Their Board of Directors recently approved several important contracts including part of the Newark Penn Station modernization and the platform project for Trenton station. He noted that NJDOT announced a realtime traffic alert system for commercial vehicles on all 647 miles of NJ highway. The drivewise preclear software is utilized to notify commercial truck drivers of slowdowns and congestion.

8. Other Updates/Necessary Business

Andrew Lloyd (Mercer) noted for those Counties that have review authority for stormwater ordinances and plans, NJ Water Institute is providing a training on February 4th on mitigation plans.

President Giarratana did mention one housekeeping item for resolution. She asked for a motion to add Tom Stanuikynas and Mark Villinger to the Association's checking account. Kamal Saleh (Union) made the motion, Ranae Fehr (Atlantic) seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50pm.

County Attendees

Ranae Fehr	Atlantic
John Peterson	Atlantic
Robert Lindaw	Atlantic
Frances Brown	Atlantic
Tom Stanuikynas	Burlington
Lauren Purdom	Cape May
Sharon Mollick	Cumberland
Matt Pisarski	Cumberland
Kevin Force	Hudson
Francesca Giarratana	Hudson
Samuel Schroeder	Hudson
Byron Nicholas	Hudson
Katherine Fullerton	Hunterdon
Carrie Fellows	Hunterdon
Kristopher Melchers	Hunterdon
Matthew Lawson	Mercer
Matthew Zochowski	Mercer
Regine Delcy	Mercer
Andrew Lloyd	Mercer
Harriet Honigfeld	Monmouth
Joe Barris	Monmouth
Kyle Degroot	Monmouth
Michael Popovech	Monmouth
Ashlynn Shanahan	Monmouth
Joe Barilla	Morris
Kevin Sitlick	Morris
Barbara Murray	Morris
Mark Villinger	Ocean
Sal Presti	Passaic
Jason Miranda	Passaic
Michael Lysicatos	Passaic
Katelyn Katzer	Somerset
Tom Boccino	Somerset
Adam Bradford	Somerset
Walter Lane	Somerset
Liza Betz	Union
Kamal Saleh	Union

Partner Agencies/ Presenters

Donna Rendeiro	OPA
David Kraiker	US Census
Walid Jawawdeh	NJDOT
Khalid Shaikh	NJDOT
Elizabeth Limbrick	NJEDA
Barbara Vadnais	NJEDA
Kevin Murphy	DVRPC
Karin Morris	DVRPC

Lois Goldman
Jennifer Marandino
Zoe Baldwin
Liz Stoppelmann
Pankti Mehta
Beth Wemple
Luigi Casinelli
Dave Kuhn

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