

**NJCPA Regular Meeting
NJAC Conference
Atlantic City, NJ
May 10, 2018**

Member Attendance:

Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
John Peterson	Atlantic	Mark Villinger	Ocean
Frances Brown	Atlantic	Marissa Spoto	Ocean
Robert Brewer	Cumberland	Walter Lane	Somerset
Linda Brennen	Monmouth	Kamal Saleh	Union

Other Agencies/Guests:

Colleen McGurk	NJ Office for Planning Advocacy
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Welcome & Introduction:

NJ County Planners Association President Linda Brennen called the meeting to order, led self-introductions and thanked everyone for attending.

Business

Executive Committee Report

President Linda Brennen reported the “Planners Peanuts” bags were delivered and distributed at the conference. Plans have been finalized for the Summer Meeting which will be held at the Historical Society of Ocean Grove Historic Museum and includes a walking tour of Ocean Grove followed by lunch at the Starving Artist Restaurant.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the March 16, 2018 meeting (as corrected) and the April 20, 2018 meeting (as corrected) were approved.

Treasurers Report

No report was available

NJCPA Seminar Session- Models in Regional Planning

President Brennen reported the session went very well and more than twenty people were in attendance. She thanked Kamal Saleh for moderating the panel. She also thanked Michael Lysicatos and Walter Lane for presenting with her at the session.

MLUL Steering Committee Update

Walter Lane reported the results of the recent Municipal Land Use Law Reform Steering Committee Meeting. A wide range of groups are participating on the Steering Committee including, but not limited to: APA-NJ, NJPO, the League of Municipalities, the NJ Builders Association, American Institute of Architects-NJ Chapter and many others. The Resiliency Paper reviewed at the recent NJCPA meetings was discussed as well as the need for each group serving on the Steering Committee to put forth their top five issues they would like to see addressed. Mr. Lane reported he expressed NJCPA's desire to have the County Enabling Act be part of these discussions in effort to improve the linkages between the Municipal Land Use Law and County Enabling Act.

John Peterson raised concerns regarding the proposed resiliency recommendations; in particular the implementation of any resiliency programs/projects should not be at the expense of the economic wellbeing of the local communities. There was a short discussion on other issues to be brought to the Steering Committee for discussion such as the recording of minor and major sub-divisions and the coordination of land development reviews by counties and municipalities. Mr. Lane will send out an email asking for other suggestions prior to the next Steering Committee Meeting.

Strategy for the New State Planning Framework

John Peterson gave a brief overview of a policy paper he is working on with Laurette Kratina regarding the development of a new State Plan Framework. This position paper will articulate the need for the Counties to play a bigger role in the development a new State Plan. The new State Plan should focus on actions State Agencies can undertake to support economic development and sustainability. The draft position paper will be discussed in greater detail at the July 20th meeting.

Agency Updates

OPA: Colleen McGurk reported several Plan Endorsement petitions will be considered at the next State Planning Commission (SPC) Meeting. The SPC was not able to have a quorum at the last meeting. She informed the Association that the Office for Planning Advocacy is looking for municipalities who would like to participate in the State's Brownfields Program.

Committee Updates

No committee reports were presented.

Robert Brewer provided a brief overview of a Rutgers Camden Study. The Study examined the distribution of State resources and found distressed South NJ municipalities receive less funding than similarly distressed municipalities in North Jersey. A copy of the study can be found at: <https://rand.camden.rutgers.edu/2018/04/05/our-piece-of-the-pie-the-distribution-of-state-funds-to-municipalities-across-new-jersey-regions/>

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by John Peterson and seconded by Robert Brewer.

Respectfully submitted by Walter C. Lane, PP/AICP, 6-15-18