

**NJCPA Regular Meeting**

**Thompson Park Visitors Center, Beech Room**

**Lincroft, New Jersey**

**March 16, 2018**

**Member Attendance**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Frances Brown	Atlantic	Linda Brennen	Monmouth
Ranae Fehr	Atlantic	Kyle Clonan	Monmouth
Leslie L. Gimeno	Cape May	Bridget Neary	Monmouth
Katelynn Wintz	Cape May	Christine Marion	Morris
Robert G. Brewer	Cumberland	Virginia Michelin	Morris
Sharon Mollick	Cumberland	Steven J. Simone	Ocean
Megan Massey	Hudson	Jenny Mance	Ocean
Andrew Lloyd	Mercer	Michael Lysicatos	Passaic
Mathew Zochowski	Mercer	Walter Lane	Somerset
George M. Ververides	Middlesex	Kamal Saleh	Union

**Other Agencies/Guests:**

Allen Weston	NJ Association of Counties
Alan Miller, Director	NJ Department of Environmental Protection
Colleen McGurk	NJ Office for Planning Advocacy
David Kutner	NJ Future
David Hojsak	FEMA- Region II

**Welcome & Introduction**

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

**Business**

**February 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes:**

The draft minutes of the February 16, 2018 meeting were distributed for review. A motion to accept the February, 2018 was submitted by Kamal Saleh and seconded by Michael Lysicatos. The motion carried. Christine Marion abstained.

## **Treasurers Report**

Treasurer Michael Lysicatos reported that no big changes had occurred with the budget. Reminders regarding dues would be sent out in the near future.

## **Executive Committee**

President Linda Brennen reported a session proposal was submitted by the NJCPA for the NJ Association of Counties Conference. The proposed session is the same session that was recently given at the APA-NJ Conference. The Executive Committee (EC) investigated several options for potential ways to promote the NJCPA at the conference. The EC decided instead of having a table at the conference, our organization would sponsor a snack station and provide "Planners' Peanuts" snack bags. A total of 250 to 300 snack bags would be provided. The EC requested assistance with printing the labels for the bags and several Counties offered to help print the labels.

## **Presentations**

### **Update of Wastewater Management Planning**

President Brennen introduced Alan Miller from NJDEP who gave an update on the wastewater management planning process. He reported the Department had discussions regarding granting an extension of the May 7<sup>th</sup> deadline to allow more time for Counties to complete their respective wastewater management plans. Every county will be contacted regarding the amount of additional time they will need. The goal of the Department is for the process of granting extension not to be onerous. There was a discussion regarding time extensions and wastewater planning process. Andrew Lloyd from Mercer County raised several concerns regarding the amendment process. Mr. Miller indicated he would be willing to meet with a working group to discuss the counties' concerns. Mr. Lloyd agreed to develop a survey to gain feedback on potential agenda items for the working group to discuss.

### **Community Collaborative Initiative (CCI)**

Mr. Miller provided a detailed presentation on the Community Collaborative Initiative (CCI). The CCI effort where the Department works with a diverse group of partners in urban communities to support local revitalization and redevelopment projects and initiatives while addressing complex environmental problems. This effort brings together the Brownfield Development Area Program and the Combined Sewer Overflow Program into one effort to develop innovative solutions that address local and Department goals and objectives. The Department is currently working with Camden, Perth Amboy, Trenton and Bayonne.

President Brennen thanked Mr. Miller for both of his presentations to the Association.

### **Proposed MLUL Changes to Incorporate Resiliency:**

Ms. Brennen introduced David Kutner from with NJ Future who joined the meeting via a conference call. Mr. Kutner provided a brief overview of the Municipal Land Use Reform project being managed by the American Planning Association- NJ Chapter. He thanked the Association for the comments they had provided to him on the MLUL Resiliency Document that had been discussed at the last meeting. Mr.

Kutner had incorporated many of the changes suggested by the Association. There was a discussion regarding several of the proposed changes.

Several counties inquired about how the Association can participate in the larger MLUL Reform Effort. There was a lengthy discussion about how the Association can assist in the reform effort. The need to coordinate changes to the MLUL with potential changes to the County Enabling Act was also discussed. There was consensus that the Association ask to serve on the Steering Committee for the MLUL Reform effort. Mr. Kutner agreed to bring the Associations request to the leadership of the Reform effort. President Brennen assigned Walter Lane and Michael Lysicatos to serve on the MLUL Reform Steering Committee if the Association is asked to participate.

President Brennen thanked Mr. Kutner for his presentations to the Association. She also thanked all of the Counties that provided comments on the MLUL Resiliency Document.

### **County Project of the Month: How Brownfields can lead to Redevelopment - the Union County Experience**

President Brennen introduced Kamal Saleh from Union County. Mr. Saleh gave a detailed presentation regarding the history of brownfield revitalization efforts in Union County. The County had conducted several USEPA funded Brownfield Studies over the past twenty years. Several towns were selected as Pilot Towns to receive land use planning and environmental planning technical assistance as part of these grant projects. Working with NJDEP, the County assisted several towns in gaining Brownfield Development Area designation. He explained how the County was able to leverage various DEP Programs and Grants to assist their municipalities. Mr. Saleh highlighted several successful projects that the County provided assistance to the municipalities. Some these projects are: the Jersey Gardens Mall in Elizabeth, Snyder Park in Berkeley Heights, the GM Site in Linden and the Goodman Birtcher Site in Linden. He also highlighted how the NDEP's Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) Program has help advance the County's efforts.

At the conclusion of a brief discussion, President Brennen thanked Mr. Saleh for his presentation to the Association.

### **Agency Updates**

OPA: Colleen McGurk reported that a replacement for former Executive Director Gerry Scharfenberger should be named within the next few weeks. Ms. Brennen stated that Mr. Scharfenberger was appointed as a Monmouth County Freeholder. She also noted that several Plan Endorsement petitions are being considered.

FEMA: David Hojsak, FEMA, informed the Association that there is a strong push at the national level to integrate resilience and hazard mitigation planning efforts with land use planning efforts.

### **Committee Updates**

#### **Utilities, Transportation & Infrastructure**

Kamal Saleh reported that NJDOT is seeking comments on Fixed Guideway Systems. He also provided a brief overview of the Port Authority's plans to modernize Terminal A at Newark-Liberty International

Airport. NJ Transit is working Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Extension Project. Mr. Saleh also gave a brief overview of legislation regarding Stormwater Utility Authorities. He also discussed the State's efforts regarding Micro-Grids.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by George Ververides and seconded by Michael Lysicatos.

Respectfully submitted by Walter C. Lane, PP/AICP, 5-10-18