

**NJCPA Regular Meeting
Thompson Park Visitors Center
Lincroft, NJ
July 20, 2018**

Member Attendance:

Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
John Peterson	Atlantic	Mirah Becker	Middlesex
Frances Brown	Atlantic	Laurie Sobel	Middlesex
Ranae Fehr	Atlantic	Joe Smalley	Middlesex
Katelynn Wintz	Cape May	Linda Brennen	Monmouth
Scott Mullen	Cape May	Paul Gleitz	Monmouth
Robert Brewer	Cumberland	Michael La Place	Passaic
Sharon Mollick	Cumberland	Michael Lysicatos	Passaic
Barbara Vogel	Hunterdon	Walter Lane	Somerset
Matthew Zochowski	Mercer	Laurette Kratina	Somerset
Andrew Lloyd	Mercer	James Ruggieri	Somerset
Regine Saintilien	Mercer	Katelyn Brennen	Somerset
Barbara Vogel	Hunterdon	Kamal Saleh	Union
George Ververides	Middlesex		

Other Agencies/Guests:

Colleen McGurk	NJ Office for Planning Advocacy
Gretchen Fowles	NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife
Brian Zarate	NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife
David Hojsak	FEMA
Allen Weston	NJ Association of Counties
Zach Subar	NJ Transit
Joe Carnegie	Rutgers
Tom Stanuikynas	NJ Department of Community Affairs

Welcome & Introduction:

NJ County Planners Association President Linda Brennen called the meeting to order at 11:16am and welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanked everyone for attending the special meeting in Ocean Grove.

Business

Executive Committee Report

President Brennen provided a brief overview of the September meeting which will focus on future trends in planning education. Potential panelists include representatives from Rutgers, NJIT, Rowan and

Ramapo. Any additional suggestions for potential panelists should be sent to President Brennen. AICP Continuing Education credits will be sought for this meeting.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the May 18, 2018 and June 15, 2018 meetings were circulated prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Kamal Saleh and seconded by Michael La Place. Minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report

Michael Lysicatos presented the July Treasurers Report for approval. He briefly discussed APA-NJ's City Planning Summer Institute and the Association's potential sponsorship for next year. A brief discussion ensued and this program will be discussed at a future meeting. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by John Peterson and seconded by George Ververides. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Presentations

NJ Land Use + Transit Data Application

Jon Carnegie from Rutgers University and Zach Subar from NJ TRANSIT provided a detailed overview of the NJ Land Use + Transit Data Application Project. This project is a GIS-based land use and transit planning web-application created for NJ TRANSIT and NJTPA by a team of researchers at Rutgers University's Voorhees Transportation Center and Office of Research Analytics. The data application, which is a one-stop resource for land use, demographic, real estate development and transit data, was designed to support land use, economic development and transit planning decisions statewide. The Hudson Bergen Light Rail Line was the focus of this effort. The application can be applied to other rail corridors in the state. The presentation spurred a discussion on how the application can be used to support various planning efforts. It was decided that a small sub-committee would be established to help Rutgers and NJ Transit refine the application to support County planning efforts. President Brennen thanked Mr. Carnegie and Mr. Zubar for presenting to the Association.

Connecting Habitat Across New Jersey (CHANJ)

Gretchen Fowles and Brian Zarate from the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife gave a presentation on the Connecting Habitat across New Jersey (CHANJ) project. The goal of this effort is to develop a statewide habitat connectivity plan. The plan was developed in collaboration with a multi-partner, multi-disciplinary working group representing over forty (40) different agencies across the state. It was implemented by the Endangered and Nongame Species Program to address the importance of landscape permeability for the persistence of terrestrial wildlife species. CHANJ developed mapping to identify core terrestrial wildlife habitats and linkages across the state. They produced a guidance document highlighting actions to restore and maintain those key areas for wildlife connectivity through strategic land preservation, habitat management and road barrier mitigation. Several examples of how the lack of mobility for various species has contributed to the lack of genetic diversity of the wildlife in the state were presented. This fostered a discussion on how this information can inform planning efforts ensued. President Brennen thanked Ms. Fowles and Mr. Zarate for sharing information about the (CHANJ) project with the Association.

Strategy for a New State Planning Framework: Update

John Peterson reported the Statewide Planning Committee has discussed the need to jumpstart the state planning process. A discussion ensued as to how Counties could be leaders in the state planning process and how an updated State Plan could help grow New Jersey's economy. Colleen McGurk reported the new administration has not made any decisions regarding the State Plan. A discussion ensued. There was consensus for the Association to send a letter to the Governor stating the NJCPA recognizes the need to update the State Plan and to lend our assistance to the State in restarting the state planning process. The Association approved sending the letter to the Governor.

Wastewater Amendments & Procedures

Mirah Becker requested information on the wastewater amendments and procedures the Counties may have recently adopted. There was a brief discussion regarding wastewater amendments procedures. Counties were encouraged to share their procedures with the Association.

Agency Updates

Colleen McGurk briefed the Association on the Office of Planning Advocacy's brownfields redevelopment efforts and the status of the Inter-Agency Working Group. Tom Stanuikynas from the NJ Department of Community Affairs – Local Planning Services reported the Local Planning Services Group made presentations to several counties and are in discussions with several municipalities about potential projects. David Hojsak from FEMA stated the agency is stressing the need to coordinate land use planning decisions with hazard mitigation decisions.

Committee Updates

The Education and Technology Committee reported on the APA-NJ's City Planning Summer Institute, the implementation of 5G Technology and the potential impact on planning efforts. The NJ Map 2 project was also discussed. Reports from the Transportation Committee and the Open Space and Environment Committee have been attached to the minutes.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by George Ververides and seconded by Linda Brennen. The meeting adjourned at 2:15PM.

Respectfully submitted by Walter C. Lane, PP/AICP, 9-21-18