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**New Jersey State Planning Commission
Minutes of the Meeting Held on November 3, 2021
Zoom Video Conference**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wright called the November 3, 2021 video conference of the New Jersey State Planning Commission (SPC) to order at 9:33 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Nick Angarone, Designee for Shawn LaTourette, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

Douglas Fisher, Secretary, Department of Agriculture

Frank Gaffney, Designee for President Fiordaliso, Board of Public Utilities

Bruce Harris, Municipal Member

Edward J. McKenna, Vice Chair, Public Member

Stephen Santola, Public Member

Andrew Swords, Designee for Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti, Commissioner, Department of Transportation

Elizabeth Terenik, Public Member

Sean Thompson, Designee for Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver, Commissioner, Department of Community Affairs

Melanie Willoughby, Designee for Tahesha Way, Secretary of State, Department of State

Thomas Wright, Chairman (left meeting 10:20 a.m.)

Others Present

See Attachment A

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

It was announced that notice of the date, time and place of the meeting had been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Wright asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2021. Vice Chair McKenna made the motion, and it was seconded by Frank Gaffney. With no further discussion or questions, Chairman Wright asked for a roll call vote: Ayes: (11) Frank Gaffney, Douglas Fisher, Andy Swords, Bruce Harris, Nick Angarone, Edward McKenna, Sean Thompson, Elizabeth Terenik, Melanie Willoughby, Stephen Santola, Thomas Wright. Nays: (0). Abstains: (0). The October 6, 2021 minutes were approved.

Chairman Wright commented that one of the new business agenda items today is a resolution appreciating Walter Lane. The Chairman asked to move that motion up before the Chairman's comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Resolution 2021-16 - Resolution of Appreciation, Walter Lane

Chairman Wright asked Director Rendeiro to present the Resolution.

Director Rendeiro read the Resolution to the Commission (available on OPA's website).

The Commission members expressed their gratitude to Mr. Walter Lane for his work with the State of New Jersey. Mr. Walter Lane thanked the Commission for this recognition.

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2021-16, Vice Chair McKenna made the motion, and Melanie Willoughby seconded the motion. With no further discussions or questions, Chairman Wright asked for a roll call vote: Ayes: (11) Frank Gaffney, Douglas Fisher, Andrew Swords, Bruce Harris, Nick Angarone, Ed McKenna, Sean Thompson, Elizabeth Terenik, Melanie Willoughby, Stephen Santola, Thomas Wright. Nays: (0). Abstains: (0). The Resolution 2021-16 was approved.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chairman Wright commented that yesterday was an important day for New Jersey and our democracy. He hoped everybody exercised their right to vote and to participate in the process. He thinks that it's a great day for New Jersey and America anytime we have the chance to do that. He expressed that he is thrilled to be here with everyone today; the day after an election, whatever the outcome because it's exciting and exhilarating to participate in it.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Rendeiro commented that the Office has received letters of support from Salem County and Lower Alloways Creek for the PSEG map amendment approved by the SPC in September.

The Director was pleased to report that we have received approval for the Office's GIS Specialist. Naomi Barnes comes to us from OIT and will start on November 8th. Steven Karp has agreed to assist in her training.

Director Rendeiro commented that the office staff is on schedule for the formal Rule notice preparation. Official forms have been completed and will be sent to the Governor's Office this week for formal review. The next step is a technical review by OAL through the end of November and if all goes well, the public comment period can begin in December or January for a March publication date.

The FEMA Resilience Steering Committee meeting was held. Items discussed include information needed for the municipal selection criteria and proposed members of the advisory board. It is anticipated that the program will be

offered in the first quarter, 2022. Staff met with Rutgers regarding the Resilience Corps to discuss the upcoming semester's program. Protocols regarding feedback and requirements were discussed. Next step will be to identify students and municipalities that will be involved in the program. We continue to work on leveraging and coordinating both programs to provide a comprehensive approach to technical assistance.

The Resilience Guidance document is now on OPA's website, was included in NJ Future's newsletter and was supposed to be presented at ANJEC's annual conference. The Office included the document in an alert that experienced a 35% open rate and an 11% click through rate. We have received feedback that this tool is a valuable resource to communities in interpreting DEP's guidance. The Office has been asked to participate in a Morris County CRS User Group on November 9th to discuss the resilience planning and its link to land use, master planning and the CRS program. We will also be featuring the document in OPA's session at the League of Municipalities Conference.

We have been having difficulty getting a date for the Rutgers data tool demonstration. As a result, Rutgers has agreed to send us link for a virtual demonstration; I will provide as soon as I receive it.

At the last PIC meeting, we held a listening session to receive input from the public regarding the warehouse sprawl issue. We are in the process of compiling those comments and will provide them as part of the PIC minutes. In the meantime, we will continue to take written public comment and have discussions with relevant stakeholders.

The Executive Director was asked by Ocean County to participate in an effort to update the Compatible Use Study for the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. Ocean County is a local sponsor of the effort and will update the Joint Land Use Study completed in 2009 which addressed enrichment and land use compatibility issues between the military operation and surrounding communities. The first meeting of the Joint Land Use Study for the Joint Base was held on October 27th that held a discussion of the goals of the military, the surrounding communities, Burlington and Ocean Counties. The SPC and Department of Veteran's and Military Affairs represented the State.

The Executive Director was asked to participate in a Collaborative Stakeholder Advisory Panel (CSAP) for a large grant from the National Science Foundation project. This project, led by Rutgers with academic partners from ten other universities will work with stakeholders throughout the New York City-New Jersey-Philadelphia region to facilitate flexible, equitable and robust long-term planning to manage climate risk and to advance the scientific understanding of how interactions among coast climate hazards, changing landforms, and human decisions shape climate risk. The first meeting of the Rutgers CSAP partnership was held on October 27th. The meeting discussed the first phase of the work plan and grant expectations.

DEP planning staff and OPA met for their second and third brainstorming sessions on designation of centers in vulnerable areas. We reviewed a concept that has potential for addressing this issue of Center boundaries and think this process can be utilized as a conversation starter for developing Centers in vulnerable areas. Additionally, we are testing a concept of levels of vulnerability and resilience to determine Center designation. The next meeting is scheduled for November 24th.

DEP's Climate Change IAC (Interagency Council on Climate Change) met and discussed the governance recommendation that the workgroup put together. Of note is that Dave Rosenblatt, the State's Chief Resilience Officer will be retiring in January. No replacement has been named yet. The next Interagency Council on Climate Change is scheduled for November 9th.

The Executive Director participated in a call with Mobileye, the largest autonomous vehicle company in the world. Conceptually, the data that they can provide a town can help while developing safe streets to schools, Vision Zero policies and other safety measures. There is a place for their data in local land use planning and conceptually the program can have synergies with the Plan Endorsement process, but the next step is to determine a structure for a program.

The Executive Director participated in a call with the Council on the Green Economy along with the Executive Director of the BAC. The objective was to provide suggestions on how to better understand facilitating and creating job pathways and to strengthen green innovation in the state. Additionally, current efforts were discussed.

The DVRPC (Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission) Board meeting was held on October 28th. Their annual Board retreat is scheduled for December 8th to discuss 2022 priorities and the conversation is intended to focus on the new federal transportation bill.

Staff attended the NJ Association of Flood Plain Managers and received information regarding NFIP Risk 2.0, the CRS program and the new lifelines concept. Additionally, we received feedback and good comments from a representative from DEP's Flood Group about the mitigation matrix we are developing related to the discussion on Centers in vulnerable areas.

OPA is working with DOT to update the Transit Village application and program materials.

The Office will be participating in two sessions at the League of Municipalities Conference in November. The first will be led by the Office and will focus on the technical assistance that we provide in partnership with FEMA and Rutgers. The second session will include OPA staff that will present at a Sustainable Jersey session regarding the partnership we have with Sustainable Jersey. Additionally, Meghan Wren will participate in a third session, representing her position of Down Township's Green Team Chair.

The Executive Director spoke at a German-government sponsored conference held at Rutgers that was an "information sharing" collaboration between officials in German officials in the Ruhr Region and New Jersey officials to discuss climate change, underserved communities, brownfield issues and how land use policies can be utilized to address these issues. The presentation was well received and on today's agenda we will hear from Wolfram Hofer on differences and similarities between the geographies, important take-aways, and how to continue the conversation.

As a supplement to OPA's newsletter, we are providing different types of alerts that cannot wait for the next issue of the newsletter. An alert was sent for the DEP resiliency art grant and technical assistance webinar by FEMA about substantial damage. The alert has a 33% open rate and a 7% click through rate.

The Executive Director commented that since the October 6th SPC meeting:

- North Plainfield's prepetition meeting was held
- Riverside, Riverton, Delran, Vineland, Delanco, Edgewater Park, Florence, Willingboro and Cinnaminson completed their MSA
- Allentown's Opportunities and Constraints Report has been completed
- Galloway Township and Vineland Opportunities and Constraints Report have begun
- Vernon's map amendment has been published in the NJ Register on November 1, 2021

The Executive Director updated the commission on the expiration centers.

Chairman Wright commented that it's very helpful to have a detailed perspective on where we stand in the process and he felt sorry to see communities dropping out but that at the same time we should prioritize the ones that want to work with the Commission.

PRESENTATION

Director Rendeiro introduced Dr. Wolfram Hofer, Assistant Professor at Rutgers University and Coordinator for the Climate Bridge Conference.

This presentation can be found at:

<https://nj.gov/state/planning/assets/docs/meeting-materials/spc/materials/rutgers-climate-bridge-conference-presentaion.pdf>

Director Rendeiro informed the commission that Chairman Wright had to leave the meeting and that Vice-Chair McKenna was now presiding.

Director Rendeiro commented that there are two corrections to be made to the status of the municipalities. One, Commercial and Maurice River are actively working their MSA and that Berkeley does not expire until 2022.

Vice-chair McKenna thanked Dr. Wolfram for the presentation.

Vice-chair McKenna asked for any question from the commission or the public.

Bob Tallon, Deputy Mayor from Mansfield Township in Burlington County commented that he is interested in the process and information about applications for warehouses and several housing developments. Mr. Tallon's concerns are that under the Municipal Land Use Law, each application needs to be reviewed based on their own merits and that several of these developments coming into the community are in areas that are already flooding. Mr. Tallon expressed his concerns about the hundred year flood. The storm water issues and some of the municipal land use need to be reviewed on a regional and a state level.

Director Rendeiro commented that because this issue requires a larger discussion, she suggested a separate meeting. There are some things that can be done in terms of zoning and for any projects DEP needs to approved permits.

Vice-chair McKenna agreed with Director Rendeiro.

Andrew Swords from DOT commented that the City of Newark was designated as the 34th Transit Village in New Jersey and wanted to thank several members and agencies of the SPC who assisted in the Transit Village Task Force in reviewing those applications including OPA, DCA, EDA and DEP.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further comments from the Commission or the public, Vice-chair McKenna asked for a motion to adjourn. Frank Gaffney made the motion, and it was seconded by Vice-Chair McKenna. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna Rendeiro, Secretary
State Planning Commission

Dated: December 1, 2021

ATTACHMENT A
NEW JERSEY STATE PLANNING COMMISSION ATTENDEES
DATE: NOVEMBER 3, 2021 TIME: 9:30 AM

Steven Gleeson - DAG
Dave DuMont - NJDEP
Ruth Foster - NJDEP
Walter Lane - Planning Director, Somerset County
Susan Weber - NJDOT
Dr. Keisha Cogdell – Register Nurse, United Health Care
Tori Kemp – Ocean County
Jelena Lasko – NJDOT
Mark Villinger – P.P., Ocean County
Wolfrem Hoefler - Assistant Professor, Rutgers University
Rhyan Grech – Pineland Preservation Alliance
A. Soriano –
Mike Dannemiller –