

**City of Cape May
Planning Board Meeting
Minutes – Tuesday – July 9, 2013**

Opening: The meeting of the City of Cape May Planning Board was called to order by Chairman William Bezaire, at 7:00 PM. In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice was provided.

Roll Call:	Mr. Bezaire,	Chairperson	Present
	Mr. Shuler,	Vice Chairperson	Present
	Mayor Dr. Mahaney		Present
	Mr. Elwell		Absent - excused
	Mrs. Nelson		Present
	Mr. Jones		Present
	Ms. Weeks		Present
	Mr. Murray		Absent - excused
	Mr. Winkworth		Absent - excused
	Dr. France, 1 st Alternate		Present
	Mr. VanDeVaarst, 2 nd Alternate		Absent - excused

Also Present: George Neidig, Esquire – Board Solicitor
Mary L. Rothwell, Board Assistant/Zoning Officer
Edie Kopsitz, Recording Secretary

Absent: Craig Hurless, PE, PP, CME Associate - Polistina & Associates

Applications:

**Sowers, 825 Washington Street, Block 1092 Lot 19
Extension of Site Plan Approval**

Frederick Schmidt, Esquire representing the applicant owner Ronald Sowers who was present and sworn in by Board Solicitor George Neidig. Mr. Sowers continued with the request to extend the previous approved Site Plan, which was obtained in 2005 for preliminary and final approval that has run out of extension. Mr. Schmidt referred to §417-6G of the Ordinance that provides continued extension of approvals and explained in detail the Bank procedures in obtaining a loan for construction. They are requesting a two (2) year extension with the same conditions by Resolution 9-27-2011:1. He explained in detail the reason for the request was due to the economy down turn and no reasonable offers on the property. Mr. Sowers elaborated on the reasons in detail.

Members were positive on the application and were afforded time for questions. Mr. Shuler requested confirmation that there is no change in Zoning since the 2005 approval. Mary Rothwell, Zoning Officer responded. Chairman Bezaire questioned the permit extension act do to the center designation project with Mr. Jones clarifying that the Permit Extension Act

will come to a halt in 2014 with the Mayor concurring elaborating on the process. Mr. Neidig stated two year extensions can be granted with no limit to the amount of request. Members complimented Mr. Sowers on how the ground is maintained.

Motion made by Dr. Mahaney to grant the two (2) year extension along with all conditions attached with Resolution 9-27-2011:1 with the extension date to August 8, 2015. Seconded by Ms. Weeks and **carried 7-0.** Those in favor: Mrs. Nelson, Dr. Mahaney, Ms. Weeks, Mr. Jones, Dr. France, Mr. Shuler and Mr. Bezair. Those opposed: None. Those abstaining: None.

Motion made by Mrs. Nelson, Seconded by Dr. France to adjourn the meeting at 7:15PM with all in favor.

A verbatim recording of said meeting is on file at the Construction/Zoning Office.

Respectfully submitted: Edie Kopsitz, Recording Secretary