

Sea Bright, New Jersey
Special Smart Growth Meeting
August 30, 2007
7:15 PM

Mayor Kalaka-Adams called the meeting to order and requested those present to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Attorney Arnette read the following statement:

THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW FOR THIS MEETING HAVE BEEN SATISFIED; A COPY OF THE NOTICE WAS SENT TO THE COURIER, THE LINK AND THE ASBURY PARK PRESS, POSTED IN BOROUGH HALL AND FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE BOROUGH CLERK ON AUGUST 22, 2007.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmembers, Bills, Fernandes, Keeler, Kelly, Long, Scriven, Mayor Kalaka-Adams, Attorney Arnette, Borough Clerk Smeltzer.

ABSENT: None

3. INTRODUCTION: Mayor Kalaka-Adams thanked everyone for attending the Smart Growth update meeting.

4. PRESENTATION: UPDATE ON SMART GROWTH MUNICIPAL FACILITIES PLAN and DOWNTOWN & OCEANFRONT PLAN. Councilman Keeler said that Sea Bright received Smart Growth grant money for the amount of \$50,000. Phillips, Preiss and Shapiro Associates, a planning consultant firm produced two reports: Downtown & Ocean front Smart Growth Plan and Municipal Facilities Plan.

Councilman Keeler said that the planning consultant offered three options. The first was to build a new Borough Hall, Court and Police Station in the location where the firehouse is now. The next proposal was to build a new Borough Hall and Court and renovate the current Police Building. The third option was to maintain the present facilities and renovate the Municipal Complex. The Municipal Facility would have limited parking after Donovan's Reef is sold because the current owners have allowed Municipal use of their parking lot for town business, meeting and court. An engineer evaluation for the Municipal Facility would be forthcoming to show if it would be suitable to allow for additions and/or interior modifications. The Mayor and Council will evaluate those findings and whether the decision is to renovate or build new we will receive requests for architect proposals.

Councilman Keeler said that the purchase of Donovans Reef's property is no longer being considered because the owners did not accept Sea Bright's offer. Donovan's asking price of 4.5 million dollars was too high.

Sea Bright's Court is housed in a trailer. Freehold's Court Administrator finds this unsatisfactory and considerations would be to include the court as a Borough Hall/Court Complex.

Councilman Keeler said that they have looked at other possibilities for the Court. The Court can be merged with another town or rent space in another municipality. Should Sea Bright decide to locate their court either sharing with another municipality or renting elsewhere, there could be some difficulties. Police scheduling for court appearances means that the Police Officer who is on duty in Sea Bright can not leave his post for a court appearance and would have to appear on his day

off incurring over time pay.

He said that the Public Safety Complex would include First Aid and Police. Decisions would have to be made whether to renovate or build a new facility. The Fire House would be renovated. As with Borough Hall, Engineers would evaluate the Police building and see if it is suitable for renovation.

Councilman Scriven said that there was a dire need to replace the Life Guard Beach Office. The Lifeguard Station would be the first project being constructed for the Beach. This Beach facility would be east of its present location.

Soon we will receive design concepts for building the Beach Complex which would serve both the Lifeguard Squad and Office of Emergency Management.

Councilman Scriven said that the boardwalk would extend north to Chapel Beach and south to Donovan's. The Lifeguard building would be a two story structure and the first floor would incorporate the Beach offices, Emergency Management, vehicle storage, restrooms and changing areas. There has been discussion of creating it as a Cape Cod fishing village.

This endeavor would prove to be expensive and one possibility for generating revenue is to house a permanent cell tower as part of the flag pole thus receiving monies from a Cell Service company. Another revenue source would be adding concession stands to lease.

Councilman Scriven said that they are looking into the possibilities of building a Municipal Pool Facility. A feasibility study would allow us to decide whether this would be a wise decision for Sea Bright. He went further to say that the Recreation Committee has sensational ideas for a skateboard park, new playground, tennis, basketball courts and landscaped areas that tie in very well for this proposed Beach development. Our goal is to make Sea Bright a magnet not a pass through town.

As far as shared services, Councilman Keeler said that Sea Bright shares the cost of the Fire Marshall and Code Enforcement vehicles with Ocean Township. The 911 Emergency Service is shared with Monmouth County. They are looking into shared services with Monmouth Beach for Public Works and Police. Committeewoman Kim Guadagno of Monmouth Beach, who was present, said that Monmouth Beach submitted an application for a grant on how shared services would benefit Monmouth Beach and Sea Bright's Public Works Department.

5. REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

C. Read Murphy of 6 Centre Street said that it would benefit Sea Bright having a year round pool club, rebuilding the Peninsula House, a skateboard park, tennis courts and Senior Citizen housing.

Spencer Adler of New York agreed that Sea Bright should be a place where people want to stop and not just drive through.

Harriet Primak commended Sea Bright's Mayor and Council for the most progress she has seen in the thirty-four years she has been a resident.

6. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Governing Body. Councilman Keeler made a motion to adjourn the

meeting at 8:18 Second by Councilwoman Bills and approved upon unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryann M. Smeltzer
Municipal Clerk