



**Route 52 Causeway Aesthetics/ Visitors Center Task Force
Meeting No. 4 Report**

MEETING DATE: January 29, 2003
TIME: 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Ocean City, City Hall
PURPOSE: **Ocean City Visitors Center**

ATTENDEES

Georgia Arnold- Ocean City
Mike Dattilo- Ocean City
Gus Bruno- O.C. Mayors Advisory
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Mark Dransfield- O.C. Mayors Advisory
Joann DelVescio- O.C. Chamber of Commerce
Ron Grunstra – O.C. Mayors Advisory.-O.C.
Andy Jernee – O. C. Planning Board
MaryLou McDowell- O.C. Mayors Advisory
Michele Nerenato – City of Ocean City
Rich Attenello- NJDOT
Phil Cyr- NJDOT
David Earl- NJDOT
Tom Kondash – NJDOT
Ahmad Qureshi-NJDOT
Sylvester Fryc- Michael Baker, Jr.
Mike Sidani- Michael Baker, Jr.
Carol Beske- ACT Engineers

MEETING SUMMARY

Fred Gottemoeller presented Option D based on the old Ocean City Yacht Club and a program listing of the usable spaces in the building. He asked the City to consider the types of uses provided for and the amount of space provided for each and to make sure that both are sufficient, then asked for comments on the option presented. The following comments were made:

1. City may prefer access to restrooms form the interior only, or from both the interior and exterior, with lockable doors to control access depending on the center's operating schedule. City will discuss this issue internally and provide guidance.

2. If parking for recreational activities becomes popular, it may be necessary to restrict several parking spaces in the vicinity of the Visitors Center to a limited parking duration (15-30 min.).
3. Since there will be fishing at this island, there should be a fish cleaning station at ground level to discourage use of the restrooms for this purpose. Water spigots at the fishing pier should be provided.
4. It would be desirable to floodlight the building or otherwise illuminate it at night.
5. The pedestrian crossing below the bridge should be kept above flood tide level, designer to evaluate.
6. Signing for the Center needs to be carefully considered. Actual layout of the signing will come later in the design process.
7. Most people present expressed satisfaction with the Yacht Club option as an architectural approach. However, there is some in the City who would like to further consider a more contemporary theme. Prior to the City's meeting, RG&A will provide examples of contemporary visitors centers from other locations for consideration by the City.
8. Within the Yacht Club option, there was a request for consideration of a lighted rooftop cupola.

ACTION ITEMS

The City to meet within the next two weeks to consider the program and theme options discussed above. After that point, RG&A will further develop the Visitors Center plans for a follow up meeting with the City in about six weeks. Fred suggested that the City also consider retaining a marketing or graphics consultant to assist with planning the exhibits for the building.

Carol Beske closed the meeting with the commitment to hold a second meeting in approximately 6 weeks after suggestions can be incorporated and Ocean City can meet to determine the type of architecture they prefer in the design.

We believe the foregoing to be an accurate summary of discussions and related decisions. We would appreciate notification of exceptions or corrections to the minutes within three (3) working days of receipt. Without notification, we will consider these minutes to be record of fact.

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Task Force Chairperson