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Design committee for lowering standards

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – The design committee formed to research a replacement for the light piers erected as part of the gateway improvement project has come out for lowering standards as well. Light standards, that is.

The design committee of Tom Carroll, Dave Clemans, John Fleming, Curtis Bashaw, Terri Swain and Hilary Pritchard met Monday and the majority supported asking city council to have the gas light poles lowered and to remove the so-called “tacky” light piers from the bridge at the city’s entrance.

‘The question is, should what is there be removed.’

–Tom Carroll, design committee

The two suggestions for replacing the piers were either concrete/composite obelisks or flag poles, which could fly state and city flags and, perhaps, seasonal banners. Bashaw said he was not in favor of holiday banners such as were seen on Washington Street during the holiday season, which he said stayed up until March.

Clemans said whatever goes on the bridge should be “no grander than the bridge deserves.”

Carroll said their efforts should begin with the removal of the light piers, which were made with vinyl and plastic.

“The question is should what is there be removed. To me the general sentiment is to get rid of them,” Carroll said.

Carroll said the HPC passed a resolution saying the light piers should be removed and the gas light poles lowered. Carroll said the light poles

should come down to 11 to 14 feet to make them compatible with what is in other parts of town and compatible with HPC design standards.

Fleming asked who was expressing that sentiment, because he was not hearing any urgent call to remove the light piers.

“I’ve had one comment from someone in a month,” he said.

He said he thought the entire issue was getting more negative publicity than it was worth. He suggested the light piers be “tweaked” to make them more acceptable.

“Most people I talk to find them

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Cape May voters give nod to Wichterman, Fiocca and Murray

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – William “Bill” Murray led the field of candidates in Tuesday’s municipal election, with unofficial numbers showing he, John “Jack” Wichterman and Deanna Fiocca winning council seats by large margins.

The trio ran together under what Murray called an informal agreement, but they obviously captured the attention of Cape May voters. Murray unofficially had 540 votes, Fiocca 499 and Wichterman 490. Wichterman finished 283 votes ahead of the number four vote getter, Shaine Meier, who finished with 207 votes. Alison Bjork had 174 votes, Robert W. McCafferty Jr. 157, and Jayne Dawn Brautigam finished with 58 votes.

The three successful candidates all expressed surprise and excitement at being elected, but none more than Fiocca.

“I never even thought I would come close,” she said.

Asked why he thought he connected with voters, Murray said, “I told folks what I wanted to do – to take a close look at Convention Hall, scale it back, address the trickle down from Trenton, and manage the city as opposed to how the city is being managed.”

Murray said he sees the city council as a board of directors that sets policy for the city.

Despite being part of a slate, Murray said he thought people believed he is independent and would be vocal in support of all citizens in the community.

“I said I would be inclusive, and I think that resonated with people,” he said.

He said the job now is to get oriented with how city council operates, and he believes he, Fiocca and Wichterman would all sit at

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Jack Wichterman, Deanna Fiocca and Bill Murray were the voters choices to fill three city council seats in Cape May. Murray was the top vote getter with 540 votes. The three, who chose to run as a team, could potentially direct the policy of Cape May government for the next four years. All three are in favor of scaling down the Convention Hall project.

Temple students exhibit their final designs for public spaces

By JENNIFER KOPP
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – It was an unprecedented opportunity for the 28 Temple University School of Environmental Design seniors who, for the last year, have been working in Cape May and within the community.

Their project is “Cape May Coastal City: Planning and Designing a Cultural Landscape Network,” which focuses on improving several parks, creating a nature preserve, preparing a “Pedestrian City Trail” as well as creating a city guide and “Wayfinding” signage.

The fourth and final town meeting between the city, community and students and faculty members was held last Wednesday, May 5, at Cape May City Elementary School.

“It was an extraordinary experience for the students to work with community involvement,” said Stuart Appel, assistant professor of the Environmental Design and Landscaping Department. “The input was invaluable, and we couldn’t have done it without Cape May opening its doors. And it was not only invaluable for the students, but for Cape May as well. These are top of the line students, so Cape May was as lucky to have them as we were you.”

During the first three meetings, residents were asked to write notes and complete surveys advising what they felt were important issues if such improvements are made.

The project’s goal is to create sus-

tainable and ecologic environments for native plant life and wildlife while educating the public about Cape May’s unique culture and natural heritage.

The students broke Cape May

itself self – sustainable and will not die.

At the meeting, preliminary final plans were presented for Rotary Park, Lafayette Street between St. John’s Place and the elementary school and Harborview Park on the Sewell’s Point tract. The presentation included a 4 – by – 12 – foot scaled model complete with every house and business on Cape Island which was donated to the city and is on display at Cape May City Hall.

According to the students, plans for Rotary Park on Lyle Lane behind the Washington Street Mall were “overwhelmingly well – received” by community members – the main objective to make the mall more visible and accessible to the park. Plans include lowering and moving the gazebo closer to Decatur Street and adding a paved plaza around it for picnic tables and benches. Because there is a definitive slope down toward Decatur, this would create an amphitheater effect allowing performances within the gazebo to be more visible. The paved area would be similar to that on the mall, which allows water to seep back into the ground to be reused.

Plans also include a granite wall around the park – one bearing names of Cape May citizens who have served in the armed forces, the idea prompted by the existing flagpole and marker. The students said more trees would be planted

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Students from Temple University Department of Environmental Design stand near a scale model of the city of Cape May at a public meeting, May 5, at Cape May City Elementary School.

City into five districts – the Harbor District, East Beach District, West Beach District, the Museum District and the Rotary Park District – which are outlined in a prototype guide book including all businesses on the island.

Cape May City Mayor Edward Mahaney said there’s never been anything of this nature in the history of the city and said up until now any reference needed to view the entire island was from the 1920s.

The model took five months to complete – “It was still dark when we finished it this morning,” said one of the students – and includes moss from Temple University indicating Cape May’s vegetation and is

Everything old is new in Cape May this year

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – Residents or regular visitors to Cape May will still be able to find some familiar or favorite Cape May businesses – just not in the same places they were last year.

Don’t look for Bath Time on Jackson Street because it has moved to Andrew’s Antiques, which has moved into the Lynn Arden’s, which has moved upstairs in the same building. Pete Smith Surf Shop and Tisha’s Restaurant have moved from Beach Avenue due to the mall.

removal of the Solarium next to Convention Hall. Tisha’s is moving

into the former Stumpo’s on the mall, and Pete Smith, which moved from the City Centre Mall building to the Solarium, will now be in Washington Commons near the horse carriage stop.



Special to the Cape May Star and Wave

Finn, grandson of Bonnie Mulluck, ponders some rubber ducks being transported to her new Bath Time location on the Washington Street

Gallery to expand. Key West Tacos has finally found a home, and the Depot Market is still where it is, but with different owners.

If you need a

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