Board chooses safety building architects firm

Location, one building or two still in question for Cape May

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CAPE MAY — The Public Safety Building Advisory Committee made a unanimous decision to recommend USA Architects of Somerville, as the firm to design a new public safety building to house both the fire and police departments.

"The downtown location on a corner is a good decision," said Chairman Jerry Gutfield, who said 32 architectural firms submitted proposals. The selected committee narrowed the field of proposals (RFP) packages from the city and eight submitted proposals. He said the select part of the advisory committee is to narrow down over the next few weeks to about five.

According to its website, USA Architects’ focus is primarily in the public sector for government clients, specifically law enforcement and criminal justice facilities and require a different level of design understanding than a more traditional building reservation. The website states, "This work includes programming, planning and design for public, restricted and secure operations, reduces costs, increase efficiencies, increase safety and security and build strong ownership among the communities they serve."

Among its projects: Bergen County, criminal justice building in Hackensack, Bergen County Sheriff’s headquarters in Hackensack, Bergen County Prison security upgrades, renovations/expansions in Cape Architects, Page A2

City Housing Authority wants more affordable units

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CAPE MAY — The Cape May Housing Authority wants more affordable units within the communities they serve.

"What we have is a break even budget every year. We struggle with income due to the rent restrictions," Hackenberg said. "We take 30 percent of an annual adjusted gross tenant income and that’s about 30 percent of what we receive."

Hackenberg said the other requirement is HUD subsidies, the said through the years, the HUD won’t sustain without that, has decreased, as has capital funding.

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CAPE MAY — The Cape May Housing Authority would like to have more units and possibly the city as a tax increment financing (TIF) funding. The finance department and Regional Housing Authority Executive Director Carol Hackenberg, a housing authority consultant with the Brooke Group, discussed the long-term plan for public housing with the city’s Planning Board in relation to a re-examination of the city’s master plan. The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has approved the Housing Authority to re-examine the feasibility of rental assistance demonstrations (RAD). RAD would convert the housing project funding (HUD) has approved the housing project funding (HUD) has approved the housing project funding (HUD) has approved the housing project funding (HUD) has approved the housing project funding (HUD) has approved the housing project funding (HUD) has approved the housing project funding (HUD) has approved the housing project funding (HUD) has approved the housing project funding (HUD) has approved the housing project funding (HUD) has approved the housing project funding (HUD) has approved the housing project funding (HUD) has approved the housing project funding (HUD) has approved the housing project funding (HUD) has approved the housing project funding (HUD) has approved the housing project funding (HUD) has approved the housing project funding (HUD) has approved the housing project funding (HUD) has approved the housing project funding (HUD) has approved the housing project funding (H...