

NJBWC Summit 2020

Advocacy In Action Panel Moderator, Polli Schildge

Good morning, I'm Polli Schildge, and I'll be your moderator for this session, Advocacy In Action.

I'm one of the founders of Asbury Park Complete Streets Coalition. I'm a mom, a grandma, a bike rider, a walker, and an educator.

Asbury Park Complete Streets coalition came together as a group with a sense of urgency about an issue that needed immediate attention (which you'll hear about in our discussion). Some of you may have a sense of urgency in your towns, or you may have general ideas about improving streets for people walking and biking, and you'd like to figure out how to proceed.

We're grateful that Cyndi Steiner of New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition came to one of our first meetings to offer solid suggestions about getting started. The following spring APCSC members came to our first Summit to learn more, and to hear from presenters and other advocates. I'm sure that many of you are here for the same reasons. We hope that we can inspire you to go forward with your ideas, and that we can provide useful tools for you to bring back home.

This panel is comprised of advocates involved in Complete Streets initiatives from 5 Jersey Shore towns. As we talk, you'll be seeing images of our towns scrolling along. There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end. Please take materials from the table before you leave, and feel free to contact us after the summit.

Polli introduces each panelist by name:

- Ben Lucarelli, Mayor of Fair Haven
- Doug McQueen, Founding member of APCSC (sitting in for Mike Manzella)
- Rick Lambert, Founding member of APCSC
- Kenny Sorenson Neptune City Complete Streets Advocate
- Nancy Blackwood, Red Bank Complete Streets and Neighborhoods
- Kathleen Ebert, Point Pleasant Complete Streets
- Anthony Talerico, Mayor of Eatontown

I'll ask each panelist to tell about themselves and their initiatives in their city, successes or ongoing efforts, and about obstacles or support in their cities.

Start with

Rick Lambert: Rick would you tell the story of APCSC big initiative and how it went down?

Go to each panelist for 3 minutes.

Ask panelists for advice

Mention ongoing plan to establish Jersey Shore Complete Streets Coalition and building NJ network of bike infrastructure

Q and A