

PLANNING BOARD

February 18, 2009

4:00 pm

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

**Will Jacoby, Chairman
Bryan Cummings
Stuart Hostetter
Martin Lott
Bill Thompson**

ALSO PRESENT

**Karl Holley, Community Development Director
Catherine Hartley, Senior Planner
Pamala Prell, Deputy City Clerk**

1. Presentation

Steve Hallock, Public Services Director, gave a presentation regarding signs on the beach and beach raking. Mr. Hallock reported that the City has a Beach Stewardship Committee that deals with beach issues as well as an Environmental Stewardship Committee that deals with environmental issues. He outlined some of the things that these committees have accomplished.

There was a general discussion of various beach issues such as red tide, use of volunteers, beach maintenance, the t-groin project, beach erosion and the renourishment schedule for Upham Beach.

2. Action Items

Approval of Minutes of September 24, 2009 and October 21, 2009.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lott. The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

3. Discussion Items

a. Marina Standards

Catherine Hartley, Senior Planner, gave a Power Point presentation regarding Marina Standards.

Karl Holley, Community Development Director, pointed out that various agencies regulate vessels and marina facilities, including the City of St. Pete Beach.

The Board members discussed the necessity of having a marina, the declining economy and regulations that other nearby cities impose on their marinas.

Upon inquiry, Mr. Holley stated that he was not aware of any current development proposals to include any marina facilities. He stated that he felt it would be wise to be prepared to address marinas prior to submission of an application for one, since the City is an Island having both recreational and commercial boating activities. He stated that the current regulations are not specific and suggested that the regulations be more specific so developers have a better understanding of what they can build.

Mr. Holley reported that the developer who had a proposal for the East Corey Avenue vacant property abandoned the project because of financial hardships. He pointed out that this is a unique piece of waterfront property and will most likely be developed in the future. There was general discussion with respect to a marina that was part of the proposed project.

Mr. Holley was directed to develop some marina regulations and bring the matter back for consideration at a future meeting. Mr. Holley stated that he will bring the Board's comments and recommendations to the City Manager for his consideration.

Mr. Holley suggested that staff develop a fairly detailed set of standards for marinas to be included in the Land Development Regulations, and then have discussion with the Board to determine what locations within the City are appropriate for a marina.

Chairman Jacoby called for a five-minute recess. After the recess all members were in attendance.

b. Wind Generation - Turbines

Mr. Howard Becker, 911 Boca Ciega Isle Drive, addressed the Board. He complimented Mr. Holley and Ms. Hartley for the work they did regarding the wind generation regulations. Mr. Becker stated that he will be submitting a permit at some time for his wind turbine. He explained the system that he wants to install on his roof and pointed out that he anticipates reducing his power bill by 20%, if not more. He thanked the board and the City staff for their work regarding this matter.

Mr. Holley advised that the City Commission tabled the ordinance the last time it was on their agenda and it will be on one of their March agendas for reconsideration.

c. Staff report on other jurisdictions beach use provisions

Ms. Hartley advised that she has been working on a comparison of what other beach communities allow on their beaches compared to what St. Pete Beach allows. Once she completes the matrix she will present the information.

d. General Discussion

a. Sign Regulations Workshop

Ms. Hartley asked that the Sign Regulation Workshop of March 4, 2009 be postponed until after the Judge makes a ruling whether or not the Comprehensive Plan is valid.

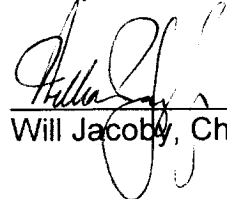
The Board was in agreement to postpone the workshop.

b. Joint Workshop with the Historic Board

Ms. Hartley advised that she will schedule a workshop.

4. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at
5:40 p.m.



Will Jacoby, Chairman

Attest:



Pamala Prell, Deputy City Clerk