

PLANNING BOARD

MINUTES

October 16, 2012

4:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Ward J. Friszolowski, Chairman
Tom DeYampert, Member
Mike Lehman, Member
Ron Holehouse, Member
Don Breitweiser, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

George Kinney, Director of Community Development
Catherine Hartley, Senior Planner
Pamala Prell, Deputy City Clerk, MMC

1. Approval of Minutes - August 21, 2012

Member Breitweiser made a motion to approve the August 21, 2012 minutes, as written. The motion was seconded by Member Lehman and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

2. Discussion Items

Senior Planner Catherine Hartley advised that Tom Rogers, Vice President of the Corey Avenue Business Association, was in attendance and would like to give a presentation on Corey Avenue improvements.

a. Corey Avenue Improvements – Tom Rogers

Mr. Tom Rogers, Vice President of the Corey Avenue Business Association, gave a presentation regarding landscaping ideas for Corey Avenue. Mr. Rogers explained that the proposal would include a

monument tower, to be placed where the historic marker is currently located, that will display Corey Avenue events, new lighting, new trees planted and new outdoor café seating. Mr. Rogers pointed out that several parking spaces will be lost.

Mr. Rogers explained that the goal is to attract patrons to Corey Avenue during the evening hours to shop, dine and enjoy the special events.

The Board held a general discussion regarding parking, main street grants and the status of the City's funding for landscaping improvements.

a. Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council's proposed Catalyst Plan for Economic Revitalization, dated August 2012.

Director Kinney explained a Proposal by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, entitled Catalyst Plan for Economic Revitalization, dated August 2012. Mr. Kinney pointed out that the objective is to build upon visioning and urban planning, to revitalize the economic core of the City, including determining the strengths and weaknesses of the City's economic core, and what actions should be taken to invigorate the City's economy, develop community assets and increase the tax base.

Member Holehouse made a motion to approve the proposal by Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and recommends that the City Commission move the plan forward. The motion was seconded by Member Lehman and unanimously approved by a voice vote.

b. CRD-EA (Eighth Avenue) Land Development Code Text Changes

Senior Planner Hartley explained that the City Commission requested that the Land Development Code be amended as follows:

1. Amend the Special Area Plan to allow single family residential as a permitted use based on an existing residence on Pass-a-Grille Way. (The owners testified at the first public hearing that they were opposed to their single family residence becoming a non-conforming use).
2. Changing the Temporary Lodging Density from 30 to 50 units per acre.

Member DeYampert suggested that the Historic Preservation Board review these changes.

Chairman Friszolowski requested that Ms. Hartley express the Board's concerns regarding allowing residential uses on 8th Avenue, to the Historic Preservation Board.

Senior Planner Hartley pointed out that the Board will need to hold a public hearing on the changes at a future meeting.

c. Window Signage

Senior Planner Hartley explained that the sign regulations were changed to allow 100% coverage of windows with signage until December 31, 2012 and to reduce it to 50% coverage starting January 1, 2013. Ms. Hartley asked if the Board wanted to continue with the 100% coverage or reduce it to 50% coverage at the end of the year.

Senior Planner Hartley pointed out that businesses that have 100% window coverage will have to reduce that coverage to 50%, if the ordinance is amended.

Member DeYampert made a motion to allow the 100% window coverage to expire on December 31, 2012 and on January 1, 2013 reduce it to 50% coverage. The motion was seconded by Member Breitweiser and unanimously approved by a voice vote.

d. Murals

Senior Planner Hartley explained that there are no regulations on murals other than in Division 39 of the Land Development Code.

The Board agreed to delete the language in Division 39.3 of the Land Development Code: "Black, florescent or pure primary or secondary colors is prohibited"; and to add language that, if a businesses name is contained within the mural it becomes a sign, along with a definition of a mural.

e. Outdoor Display of Merchandise

Senior Planner Hartley advised that outdoor display of merchandise is prohibited under the Land Development Code, unless it is a permitted sidewalk sale.

The Board agreed not to regulate the outdoor display of merchandise.

f. Commercial Water Sports

Senior Planner Hartley asked if the Board wanted to make any amendments to the water sports regulations.

Senior Planner Hartley suggested adding the activity in the preservation zoning district and allowing commercial water sports to operate out of a commercial business.

The Board agreed with Ms. Hartley's suggestion.

g. Temporary Fencing

Senior Planner Hartley advised that the Code does require a temporary fence during a construction project and many times those fences remain long after the project is completed or abandoned. She advised that staff issues the temporary fence permits and they could require a white fence and nice landscaping.

The Board was in agreement to revise the temporary fence regulations as recommended by Ms. Hartley and to require a temporary fence to be removed after 30 days of the project being completed or the permit expiring.

Senior Planner Hartley advised that this amendment is to the Code of Ordinances and will be sent directly to the City Commission.

3. **Adjournment**

There being no further discussion to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Ward J. Friszolowski, Chairman

Minutes approved on: 11-20-2012.