

PLANNING BOARD

MINUTES

MAY 21, 2013

4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Susan Churuti, City Attorney
Rebecca Haynes, City Clerk
George Kinney, Community Development Director

1. Approval of Minutes:

Member Holehouse made a motion for the approval of the minutes for April 16, 2013. The motion was seconded by Member Breitweiser and unanimously approved by a voice vote.

2. Action Items:

A. Ordinance 2013-13, An ordinance of the City Commission of the City of St. Pete Beach, readopting the City of St. Pete Beach's Comprehensive Plan text and map amendments to the future land use and housing elements; establishing within the City of St. Pete Beach's Comprehensive Plan, its Community Redevelopment District, including two major redevelopment areas and eleven designated character districts with the Community Redevelopment District as adopted and reviewed by Ordinances 2010-13, 2010-15, 2011-19 and 2012-21.

City Attorney Churuti thanked the Board for considering the re-adoption of the Comprehensive Plan and reviewed the events leading up to that point. The case has been argued in the Second District Court as being detrimental to the community. Ms. Churuti explained the reason to re-adopt the proposed ordinance is, even though the

City has prevailed in all arguments at the trial court level and all procedures have been upheld as appropriate, to ensure that no matter what happens in any pending legal process, the City will have a Comprehensive Plan in place.

Chairman Friszolowski called for a motion.

Member Breitweiser made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-13, an ordinance of the City Commission of the City of St. Pete Beach, readopting the City of St. Pete Beach's Comprehensive Plan text and plan amendments to the future land use and housing elements; establishing within the City of St. Pete Beach's Comprehensive Plan its Community Redevelopment District, including two major redevelopment areas and eleven designated character districts within the Community Redevelopment District as adopted and revised for findings; providing for severability; providing an effective date. The motion was seconded by Member Holehouse.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, spoke in opposition of the proposed ordinance and recommended waiting until the courts have finalized their actions.

James Anderson, 41st Avenue, spoke in opposition of the proposed ordinance citing increased traffic.

Deborah Martohue, Blind Pass Road, spoke in support of going forward noting that no action can take place until pending litigation is resolved and that the plan includes traffic management policies.

Paul Pfister, Gulf Boulevard, spoke in support of the proposed ordinance stating the community needs to move forward.

Steve McFarlin, 2nd Palm Point, requested the Board to correct the bad information and rumors, noting the previously approved plan called for a building maximum of twelve stories and/or 146 feet in height which would be located in one area that includes approximately 8-9 buildings.

Tim Bogott, Tradewinds Hotel, CEO, spoke in support of the proposed ordinance and commented on the role that St. Pete Beach accounts for approximately 2% of the tourism economy.

Kathy (last name inaudible), 80th Avenue, spoke in support of the proposed ordinance noting it would make St. Pete Beach a more beautiful and pedestrian friendly community.

Robert Czyszczonek, Plaza Beach Resorts and Gulf Boulevard restaurant owner, spoke in favor of the ordinance and wants to see major franchises and new restaurants move into the City. Mr. Czyszczonek noted that updated hotels with increased density would bring in new business.

Chairman Friszolowski called for the vote.

The motion was unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

3. Discussion Items:

a. Interconnected Open Space and Bicycle Plan

Community Development Director Kinney requested to defer the item to the next meeting.

b. Multi-Modal Transportation and Concurrency Discussion

Community Development Director Kinney requested to defer the item to the next meeting.

c. Review of Capital Improvement Projects

The Board Members discussed how they can better serve as a conduit between the community, staff and City boards to develop an improved capital improvement process.

Member DeYampert left the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

The consensus of the Board Members was to review the current Capital Improvement Project list with Director Kinney at the next Planning Board meeting.

d. General Discussion

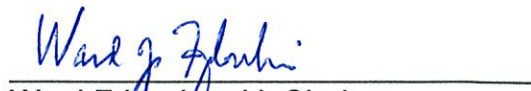
There were no comments.

4. Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Ward Friszolowski, Chairman

Minutes approved on: 6/18/2013