PLANNING BOARD

MINUTES

AUGUST 20, 2013

4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Ward J. Friszolowski, Chairman
Tom DeYampert, Member
Don Breitweiser, Member
Paul Cuticchia, Member
Ron Holehouse, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Mary Jo Murphy, Recording Secretary
George Kinney, Community Development Director

Michael Lehman, 80th Avenue, explained his departure from the Board and spoke favorably about his experience of working with the members of the Planning Board.

1. **Approval of Minutes:**

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

2. **Action Items:**

No items.

3. **Presentation:**

CRA – C. Westmoreland (Florida League of Cities)

Chairman Frizolowski informed the Board that there was a late cancelation of the presentation for the meeting. Community Development Director Kinney stated that the presentation will be an informational session explaining what CRAs are.

4. Discussion Items:

A. Work Program

Mr. Kinney gave a presentation about a Long-Term Work Program for the City of St. Pete Beach Planning Board. The intent of the program is to support the Commission's decisions as they move forward with capital improvement projects. This program will lay out the planning activities needed to underpin those efforts. Mr. Kinney stated his goal is to recommend some form of a work program to the City Commission.

Chairman Frizolowski stated that the Tindale-Oliver & Associates proposal references updating the CRA plan that was adopted on 1/24/2010. Chairman Frizolowski asked Mr. Kinney to e-mail the Board the plan that is being updated.

Chairman Frizolowski asked what role the Planning Board will take in the CRA plan. Mr. Kinney replied that if the Commission engages Tindale-Oliver, the Planning Board will review the revised plan and make recommendations to the City.

There was Board discussion about the Long-Term Work Program. Mr. Kinney asked the Board to review the packet so that at the next meeting the Board could discuss everyone's opinions and suggestions on the work program.

Chairman Frizolowski asked for audience comments.

Tom Rodgers, 300 Corey Avenue, St. Pete Beach, Florida, representing Corey Avenue Business Association, spoke about the couplet and improvements on Corey Avenue. Mr. Rodgers stated the Corey Avenue Business Association wants to present their opinions as merchants and landlords to the Commission. If the City is in a position to allocate funds to improve Corey Avenue, the organization would like to have some professional plans done and go to the City with the costs that will be needed.

Deborah Martohue, 9150 Blind Pass Road, St. Pete Beach, Florida, encouraged the Board to get a Master plan in place for street infrastructure.

B. Project Updates (Crowder Hardware, Coral Reef, Comp Plan)

Mr. Kinney updated the Board that the hardware store on 75th may have been purchased and the company is called Crowder Hardware. Coral Reef had their initial meeting with the community but the City has not received a formal submission. The Comprehensive Plan readoption effort was approved on August 13, 2013 and any appeals to the Comp Plan being approved would have to occur within 30 days.

Member Holehouse suggested that in the long-range plan the Planning Board decide what design they want reflected on the streets of the city and then reviewing the codes and making changes to prevent certain businesses from existing.

C. Pending Ordinance Items (Beach, Design Standards, SAP Amend, Density Pool)

Mr. Kinney stated that staff is working on the following: beach legislative item, design standards, special area plan amendment and density provisions.

D. General Discussion

Member DeYampert suggested there be an economic development board or committee that would inventory buildings and attract retail industries that meet the needs of the city.

Tom Rodgers, 300 Corey Avenue, St. Pete Beach, Florida, representing Corey Avenue Business Association, spoke in favor of having an economic development board or committee.

Michael Lehman, 80th Avenue, suggested rewriting the codes and moving the LDRs up into the first year in order to be prepared now. Mr. Lehman stated he would send the Board a copy of the economic strategic plan for Sarasota County and the City of Sarasota. The plan is very detailed and it is an action plan of how to develop. Mr. Lehman stated that the plan is informative and would be a great model to follow.

4. Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Attest:

Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

Ward J. Friszolowski

Ward Friszolowski, Chairman

Minutes approved on: 9/17/13