

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

MARCH 18, 2014

4:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Don Breitweiser, Acting Chairman
Tom DeYampert, Member
Paul Cuticchia, Member
Ron Holehouse, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Mike Bonfield, City Manager
Mary Jo Murphy, Recording Secretary

3. Approval of Minutes:

Member Cuticchia made a motion for the approval of the minutes for January 21, 2014. The motion was seconded by Member DeYampert and unanimously approved by a voice vote.

4. Action Items:

Mr. Bonfield, City Manager, stated he will be attending the Planning Board meetings until a new Community Development Director is secured.

Item 4(a) is a beach ordinance. This ordinance deals with Land Development Code changes, and the item to be discussed today is a change from measuring the activity from the mean high water line to a distance of 125 feet from the shoreline.

Public Hearings-Legislative

- A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING DIVISION 2, SECTION 2.1 OF THE ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "BEACH" AND "COMMERCIAL WATER SPORTS" AND TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR "BEACH ACTIVITY ZONE", "MOBILE

VENDING", "TEMPORARY STORAGE STRUCTURE", "SHORELINE", AND "TENT" AND TO REPEAL THE DEFINITION FOR "MEAN HIGH WATER"; AMENDING DIVISION 6, SECTION 6.12 OF THE ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO REMOVE PROVISIONS RELATED TO TENTS; ADDING SECTION 6.25 "BEACH REGULATIONS" TO DIVISION 6 OF THE ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; AMENDING DIVISION 14, SECTION 14.4 OF THE ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO REMOVE PROVISIONS RELATED TO COMMERCIAL WATER SPORTS; AMENDING DIVISION 15, SECTION 15.4 OF THE ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO REMOVE PROVISIONS RELATED TO COMMERCIAL WATER SPORTS; AMENDING DIVISION 16, SECTION 16.4 OF THE ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO REMOVE PROVISIONS RELATED TO COMMERCIAL WATER SPORTS; REPEALING DIVISION 25, SECTION 25.6 OF THE ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE.

After Board discussion, the Board decided that Action Item 4(a) needed to be discussed further before voting on the ordinance.

Member Holehouse made a motion to table Item 4(a). The motion was seconded by Member DeYampert and unanimously approved by a voice vote.

2. Audience Comments

Rick Childs, 450 Belle Point Drive, St. Pete Beach, Gulf Gate Resort, President of the Board, and owner of a wave runner/chair rental business, spoke in opposition of the 125 feet involved with the beach activity zone.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, asked for graphics to be provided in reference to the proposed ordinance and posed the question if there were any environmental issues involved. Ms. Schechner also spoke in opposition to the influx of cabanas on the beach and waterslides on the beach.

Mike Bomar, 6440 4th Palm Point, owner of beach concession/cabana rental business, spoke in opposition of the 125 feet involved with the beach activity zone.

Stephen Cummings, Manager/Director for the Don Cesar Hotel, spoke about providing a world class experience for their guests and spoke in favor of the 125 feet involved with the beach activity zone. The hotel wants to provide food, beverages and cabanas to their customers on the beach without breaking any rules or laws and have their customers return to their destination continuously.

5. Discussion Items:

A. Project Updates and Pending Ordinance Items

Mr. Bonfield updated the Board on the following projects:

The Baker Group will return 3/26/14 through 3/28/14: Wednesday, Community Workshop, 6:30 – 8:30; Thursday, Community Open House, 5:00 – 6:00, City Commission Workshop, 6:00; Friday, City Commission Workshop, 6:00 – 8:00.

There is a completed draft of the CRA. County staff is scheduled to review the CRA and give their opinions on the current draft. The CRA will then return to the Planning Board for approval.

In terms of the Community Development Director position, it has been placed with a headhunter. The headhunter reported that there were 25 inquiries and 12 people met the qualifications.

The Trip Advisor rated St. Pete Beach as the ninth beach destination in the world.

Hotel Zamora is making progress. Two or three rooms are completely finished. Hopefully it will be completed in July 2014.

Philthy Phil's and Sloppy Pelican have been purchased and will have a new tenant.

The hardware store is advertising it will be open in the summer of 2014.

A revised site plan for the Coral Reef property was received today and will be reviewed. The proposal is a joint project for a new hotel with time share units that will function together.

B. General Discussion

There was no general discussion.

6. **Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Don Breitweiser, Acting Chairman

Minutes approved on: 6/18/2014