

PLANNING BOARD

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

4:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Ward Friszolowski, Chairman
Jack Brock, Member (via telephone)
Paul Cuticchia, Member
Tiffany Secka, Member
Ron Holehouse, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Dave Healey, Community Development Department Consultant
Susan Churuti, City Attorney
Chelsey S. Welden, Urban Planner
Mary Jo Murphy, Deputy City Clerk

City Attorney, Susan Churuti, explained the procedures of formally allowing Member Brock to be part of the meeting via telephone.

Member Holehouse made a motion to allow Member Brock to participate in the meeting due to the extenuating circumstances of the health of his family. The motion was seconded by Member Cuticchia.

Chairman Friszolowski asked for audience comments. There were no audience comments. Chairman Friszolowski asked for a roll call vote.

Chairman Friszolowski questioned Member Brock that his vote was a yes, and Member Brock confirmed that his vote was a yes.

The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

Chairman Friszolowski welcomed Member Cuticchia to the Board.

1. Changes to the Agenda

There were no minutes to review; therefore, Item 3 will be a future agenda item.

Member Secka commented that she would like to have an update on the Beach Ordinance. Chairman Friszolowski stated that the update would be the new Item No. 6.

2. Audience Comments

There were no audience comments.

3. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to review.

4. Action Items

There were no action items.

5. Discussion Items

- a. Presentation by Evan Johnson of Tindale-Oliver & Associates on establishment of a Community Redevelopment Area Plan

At this time Susan Churuti introduced the incoming City Attorney, Andrew Dickman.

Dave Healey, Community Development Department Consultant, explained that City Staff has been working on the Community Redevelopment Area Plan with Tindale-Oliver & Associates. They have a complete draft of an updated plan and have worked closely with the County seeking their informal input.

Evan Johnson gave a presentation about the Community Redevelopment Area Plan to the Board for informational purposes. Mr. Healey commented it will be important to have an entrepreneurial approach to the direction of the CRA that can be aligned with the City and hopefully some funding outside of the General Fund. Chairman Friszolowski requested that there be some language written encouraging consistency as to the Land Development Regulations. Member Holehouse stressed that it is critical to accomplish the Community Redevelopment Area Plan and asked Mr. Johnson to keep the Planning Board informed as the plan progresses. Member Secka mentioned two publically-owned buildings that were not included: the library and City Hall. Mr. Johnson stated he would make sure they are included.

Chairman Friszolowski asked for audience comments related to this issue. There were no comments from the audience.

- b. Outdoor Dining Regulations – General discussion on the adequacy of the City's provisions

Mr. Healey informed the Board that this is a request of the Interim City Manager to review the ordinance's adequacy to encourage outdoor dining. There was discussion amongst the Board members and Mr. Healey in reference to definitions and permitted uses. Mr. Healey suggested looking at the following details that need to be managed to encourage outdoor dining: districts that should be considered for outdoor dining, additional provisions for seating, parking requirements, safety, separating outdoor dining from sidewalk cafes, application process, fees, permitting, and setting procedures to be followed. Mr. Healey will report to the Interim City Manager that that Board is supportive of outdoor dining and will develop alternatives.

Chairman Friszolowski posed a question to Mr. Brock but discovered the phone connection was not operating.

c. Provisions for off-street parking – discussion to be continued to October

Chairman Friszolowski confirmed that this discussion will be continued to October. In regard to off-street parking, Mr. Healey commented he wanted to review language pertaining to off-premise and commercial more closely and will be ready to discuss this topic in October.

6. Update

Mr. Healey advised the Board that the City Commission did approve forwarding the letter to the Planning Council that the Planning Board reviewed. Mr. Healey read a sentence to the Board that was added by City Attorney, Andrew Dickman, and the Commission.

Mr. Healey reviewed with the Board the additional changes the Commission made in regard to the temporary use ordinance. The Commission was content to have it advertised and set for a public hearing.

In reference to a Technical Review Committee, Mr. Healey suggested that a committee should be established by a resolution and to name the city departments that would be on the committee. The Community Development Director would chair the committee and would ensure that a report is sent to each Planning Board meeting with the recommendations from the Technical Review Committee.

Mr. Healey reported the Commission inquired about the formality of the appeal process to a court of competent jurisdiction. In lieu of attending court, it was suggested to have an appointment of a magistrate for the appeal of administrative decisions.

Mr. Healey reported that as far as the beach ordinance, the Interim City Manager is waiting on feedback from the engineering firm who is trying to get an answer from the Department of Environmental Protection.

7. October Meeting / Agenda

Mr. Healey commented that the October Agenda will consist of the following topics: Temporary Use Ordinance for Public Hearing as an action item, report on the conditional use parking lot issue, beach ordinance, code enforcement, and the mean-high-water line.

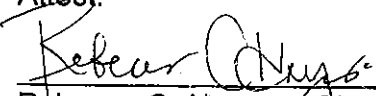
Chairman Friszolowski asked for any audience comments.

Ron Boyd, 130 6th Avenue, St. Pete Beach, inquired about a parking permit for a vacant lot to be used as a parking lot. The Board advised Mr. Boyd to speak with the Commissioner of his district, Rick Falkenstein, or the City Manager.

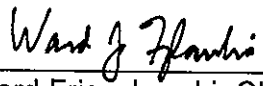
8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Attest:



Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk



Ward Friszolowski, Chairman

Minutes approved on: 10/28/2014