# PLANNING BOARD MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING

## NOVEMBER 30, 2015

## 4:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:**

Tiffany Secka, Chairwoman
Ward Friszolowski, Vice Chairman
Michael Lehman, Member
Jack Ohlhaber, Member
Ron Holehouse, Member

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Andrew Dickman, City Attorney
Jennifer Bryla, Community Development Director
Mary Jo Murphy, Deputy City Clerk

1. **Changes to the Agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda.

2. **Audience Comments**

There were no audience comments.

3. **Public Hearing – Local Planning Agency**

   a. Review and recommendation to the City of St. Pete Beach Community Redevelopment Agency on the proposed Community Redevelopment Area Plan's consistency with the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan pursuant to F.S. 163.360(4)

City Attorney Dickman reminded the board that they were acting as the Local Planning Agency.

Ms. Bryla, Community Development Director, informed the board that the Community Redevelopment Area Plan had been presented to them again with changes in an

underline and strikethrough format. The requested action of the board was a recommendation for conformity.

Chairwoman Secka asked for discussion from the board. Hearing none, Chairwoman Secka opened the meeting for audience comments.

Jim Anderson, 301 41st Avenue, St. Pete Beach, Florida, spoke in regard to sea level rise, coastal management area, sewers and stormwater.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle, St. Pete Beach, Florida, spoke in regard to the Community Redevelopment Area Plan being reviewed by the Finance and Budget Committee, e-mail to residents explaining the Community Redevelopment Area Plan, inadequate parking, street layouts, safe crossing areas, sidewalks, pedestrian traffic, deteriorated properties, and transparency in the process.

At this time there was further board discussion. Chairwoman Secka asked for further audience comments.

Alan Johnson, 9375 Blind Pass Road, St. Pete Beach, speaking as a resident, spoke in regard to the Community Redevelopment Area Plan.

Chairwoman Secka asked for any additional audience comments. Hearing none, Chairwoman Secka closed the public hearing portion and opened it for discussion among the board members.

There was board discussion at this time.

> **Vice Chairman Friszolowski made a motion to authorize the Chair to provide a written recommendation to the City of St. Pete Beach Community Redevelopment Agency stating that the LPA finds the proposed Community Redevelopment Plan as presented at its November 30, 2015 meeting to be in conformance with the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan as specifically documented in Appendix "C" of the proposed Community Redevelopment Plan. The motion was seconded by Member Holehouse.**

Chairwoman Secka asked for additional discussion from the board in regard to the Community Redevelopment Plan being in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

There was further board discussion at this time.

City Attorney Dickman suggested asking for additional public comments.

Chairwoman Secka asked for any further audience comments.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle, St. Pete Beach, Florida, spoke in regard to the amount of money involved with the Community Redevelopment Area Plan, transparency in the process, safe sidewalks, truck deliveries, deteriorating properties, and blighted areas.

Jim Anderson, 301 41st Avenue, St. Pete Beach, Florida, spoke in favor of the CRA; issues of poverty; taxes and property owners; and sea level rise.

Bill Pyle, 6600 Sunset Way, St. Pete Beach, speaking as a resident, commented on the CRA in regard to affordable and low income housing, blighted areas, property values, soliciting tax rebates and proposed no ad valorem taxes or special assessments being levied to fund any CRA project.

Alan Johnson, 9375 Blind Pass Road, St. Pete Beach, spoke in regard to sea level rise, stormwater funds, Blind Pass Road project, and the Community Redevelopment Area Plan.

Chairwoman Secka asked for any additional audience comments. There were no audience comments.

City Attorney Dickman asked Member Ohlhaber to clarify his comments in regard to library funding and typographical errors. Member Ohlhaber expressed his concerns and also commented on sewer repair. Ms. Bryla clarified the costs in regard to the library, Table 6-1 of the Community Redevelopment Area Plan, and the procedures involved for sewer repair for Member Ohlhaber.

City Attorney Dickman asked for any further board discussion. Hearing none, Chairwoman Secka called for the vote.

**The motion was unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote (5 yeses – 0 nos).**

City Attorney Dickman informed the Planning Board that their recommendation would be presented to the City Commission acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency.

## 4. Other Action Items

There were no action items.

## 5. Discussion Items

Ms. Bryla commented on and presented a document to the board entitled "Pass-A-Grille Codes on the Road, December 16th @ 2:30 pm, beginning at Warren Webster."

## 6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Attest:

Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

Tiffany Secka, Chairwoman

Minutes approved on: 1/19/16