

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

MARCH 18, 2019

4:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Tiffany Secka, Chairwoman
Marvin Shavlan, Vice Chairman
Mark Grill, Member
Tom DeYampert, Member
Kristen Bell, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Andrew Dickman, City Attorney
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk
Wesley Wright, Community Development Director
Brandon Berry, Planner I

The Oath of Office was administered to Mr. DeYampert prior to the meeting.

1. Changes to the Agenda

Wesley Wright, Community Development Director, indicated that Mike Clarke, Director of Public Works, is present to discuss bicycle lanes and landscaping.

2. Audience Comments

There were no audience comments.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. 2/25/2019

Vice Chair Shavlan made a motion to approve the 2/25/2019 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Grill and approved by a roll call vote with Member DeYampert abstaining.

4. Agenda Items

There were no agenda items.

5. Discussion Items

c. Bicycle Lanes and Bicycle Safety

This item was added to the agenda during "Changes to the Agenda" for discussion.

Mr. Clarke reviewed current and upcoming infrastructure projects along Gulf Boulevard and adjacent roadways, and how bike lanes would complement the proposed improvements. Mr. Clarke recommended that the City partner with bicycle organizations that foster rider safety and offer an avenue of funding.

Member Shavlan made a motion that the Planning Board recommend to the City Commission to communicate with Forward Pinellas in regard to bicycle safety design and to consider funding Gulf Boulevard for bicycle safety in its upcoming budget workshop. The motion was seconded by Member DeYampert and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

Member Shavlan made a motion that the Planning Board recommend to the City Commission to consider funding a feasibility study for the bicycle lanes. The motion was seconded by Member Bell and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

a. Signage

Brandon Berry, Planner I, presented examples of approved signs in each District within the City, as well as regulations governing various types of signs such as illumination, size and placement.

b. Landscaping and Lighting

Chairwoman Secka asked the Board to postpone discussion of landscaping issues until the April 15th meeting so that Mike Clarke can be present.

Marlene Hughes, 640 64th Avenue, asked the Board to review the City's landscaping policies as part of the next discussion.

6. Adjournment – Next Meeting: 04/15/2019

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Attest: Rebecca C. Haynes
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

Tiffany Secka
Tiffany Secka, Chairwoman

Minutes approved on: 4-15-2019